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## Tips for Safe and Sound Holiday Gift Shipping

**Livermore, CA** – If you are traveling this holiday season and you want your airport security experience to go smoothly, shipping your gifts ahead is the right choice. Extra baggage fees and added restrictions as to what can and cannot be brought on-board has made traveling with gifts more difficult. After all, you don't want to be burdened by luggage and restrictions when boarding your flight.

If you decide to stay home and ship your gifts across town, across the country, or overseas, Pak Mail can help you meet packaging requirements and holiday mailing deadlines. Pak Mail shares a few tips for safe, easy, and economical holiday shipping:

**Ship Early.** For U.S. destinations, December 15<sup>th</sup> is the recommended deadline from the United States Post Office to ship Parcel Post packages to arrive by Christmas. However, on-time delivery is not guaranteed by regular postal service. To ensure that your domestic and international shipments arrive in time for the holiday, Pak Mail can advise you of all your shipping options and deadlines from the major carriers. As a rule of thumb, ship at least two weeks ahead of the holiday to lower your costs.

**Ship Right.** Select non-fragile, lighter weight gifts to save on shipping cost. Liquor and wine can only be legally shipped to and from a licensed liquor distributor. Avoid shipping cologne and perfume because it may be considered flammable or hazardous and require special handling. Visit [www.PakMailUS.com](http://www.PakMailUS.com) for more holiday shopping tips.

**Know Size Restrictions.** Most carriers enforce a maximum of 165 inches in length and girth, and a maximum weight of 150 lbs. The U.S. Post Office restricts packages to a maximum 130 inches in length and girth and a maximum weight of 70 lbs. At Pak Mail there are no size or weight restrictions! We use our trusted network to help our customers ship anything, anywhere.

**Consolidate packages.** Shipping one 20-pound box costs less than shipping two 10-pound boxes. It also means that there is only one package to track.

**Protect shipments.** Have packages professionally packed to best protect against damage or loss, particular if items are fragile or valuable. Inquire about insuring your package. Most major carriers will provide at least \$100 in free coverage. At Pak Mail additional coverage can be purchased for as little as a few dollars more.

**Ship to a business address when possible.** This will ensure someone will be there to receive the package and help prevent packages from being stolen. It may also cost less than a residential delivery.

### About Pak Mail

Established in 1984, Pak Mail has gained recognition as a premier specialty packaging, shipping and business solutions provider with more than 500 centers worldwide. The Livermore center opened in October 2004. For promotional offers and a free online price quote, visit [www.PakMailUS.com](http://www.PakMailUS.com) or call (925) 456-0100.