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Communities protected from illicit drugs via mail And what you can do to support it

Vigilance at Tasmania’s mail services to prevent illicit drugs and illegal firearms from entering the state is vital. But the responsibility doesn’t just rest with authorities, we all have a role to play in keeping our communities safe.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania Chair, Mr David Daniels OAM says, “Every Tasmanian has the opportunity to support a safer Tasmania, by keeping an eye out for suspicious behaviour and letting Crime Stoppers or Tasmania Police know”.

“Criminals will continue to try and bring illicit drugs or illegal firearms into our beautiful state and the vast majority of law-abiding citizens desperately don’t want them here”.

Australia Post’s Hobart Mail Centre handles an average of 250,000 mail items every day, working closely with authorities and Tasmania Police to ensure mail security. They are all committed to preventing illicit drugs and dangerous items like illegal firearms from reaching communities and causing harm.

Biosecurity screening, explosive trace detection units and other strict security measures such as x-ray machines operate across facilities nationally like at the Hobart Mail Centre. Tasmania Police drug detection dogs also play an important role in helping to identify suspicious packages.

Crime Stoppers Week is a great opportunity to encourage Tasmanians to help keep their community safe, by giving tips about crime and those involved in crime, without getting involved.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania CEO David Higgins says “Crime Stoppers aims to increase information from the community to police, and prevent illicit drugs and illegal firearms coming into Tasmania.

“As Tasmanians go about their day, and they notice suspicious behaviour or something doesn’t quite look right, they should let Crime Stoppers know. The information may be the missing link in a complex investigation or may draw police attention to a previously unknown criminal. Every bit helps”, said Mr Higgins.

“We are not asking people to become directly involved, their safety is a priority. Therefore, we don’t require names, but it can help investigators follow-up if more information is needed. Tips to Crime Stoppers with as much detail as possible, is a great way to play your part.”

“It is always important to remember that any immediate situation should be reported to police on 131 444 or Triple Zero in an emergency. We can all work together to shine a light on crime and help keep our state safe”, Mr Higgins said.

Senior Sergeant Deearna Rowe said that Tasmania Police was committed to preventing the importation and distribution of illicit substances in our state.

“We work closely with Australia Post, airports, the Spirit of Tasmania and other partners to ensure that our sea, air and mail corridors are not exploited by those wanting to profit from drug distribution,” Senior Sergeant Rowe said.

“Tasmania Police drug, firearm and explosive detection dogs are also used to screen passengers, baggage, cargo, vehicles and mail into the state.

“We actively investigate any tip offs or intelligence and conduct our operations accordingly, and of course we monitor repeat offenders very closely. But we need the community’s help.”

If Tasmanians see or hear something that doesn’t seem right, we encourage them to speak up, but stay secret, by anonymously reporting what they know at crimestopperstas.com.au or by phoning 1800 333 000.

**Shine a light on crime and drug dealers this Crime Stoppers Week.
We just need your info, not your name!**

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Background - Crime Stoppers Tasmania

Crime Stoppers Tasmania operates as an independent non-profit, community organisation that supports crime solving through providing anonymous mechanisms for reporting crime. It is part of an international program that has been in existence for over forty years.

By offering anonymity and rewards (for information leading to charges being laid) Crime Stoppers combats the three major problems faced by the police in generating crime-solving information: fear of reprisal, apathy and reluctance to get involved.

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For 28 years, Crime Stoppers Tasmanian has been the trusted voice for the community, providing an independent link between the public and Tasmania Police.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania offers people a safe and secure option to report information under the assurance of being completely anonymous, no identifying information is recorded or required.

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