TOP TIPS *for festive mail*

SEND

Pack parcels properly. Use sturdy packaging, secure fragile items and clearly display the recipient's address. Remove any old labels or barcodes if reusing boxes.

Prepay VAT when sending to the UK. Prepaying VAT can help your parcel move more smoothly through the delivery process and avoid unexpected charges for the recipient.

Sending oversees? Complete your customs form Provide clear descriptions of items and an accurate value to help avoid customs delays. For example, write "red cotton t-shirt" rather than simply "clothes".

Buy Christmas stamps. Beautifully illustrated by Kate Birch, these stamps are the perfect finishing touch for festive cards and letters.

Address mail properly. Write addresses clearly on envelopes to avoid delays.

ORDER

Order early. Planning ahead pays off. Ordering gifts and essentials early gives you more choice, more flexibility and more time to ensure everything arrives before the big day.

Shop the UK high street with ship2me. Access thousands of UK retailers that don't ship to Jersey, giving you more choice when shopping. *Sign up at www.ship2me.co.uk.*

Sign up to SecureDrop. This free service lets you select a safe and weatherproof location on your property, so you can receive larger items and those requiring a signature when you're not home – meaning one less trip to collect your parcel from Rue des Pres Post Office!

Be prepared to pay GST on goods worth more than £60. Pay customs duties as quickly as possible to ensure your package won't experience any unecessary delays.



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