

What Is Operation Identification?

Operation Identification is a citizen's burglary prevention for use in homes and businesses. The Operation ID program involves the marking of property with an identifying number as a means of discouraging burglary and theft. In communities where it has been properly implemented, Operation Identification has shown dramatic results in its ability to reduce burglaries.

The Operation ID program has two parts. **FIRST**, mark your valuables with your **Driver's License Number** so that your property can be easily traced and identified as yours.

SECOND, display a sticker which tells would-be burglars that your property has been marked.



What Makes Operation ID So Effective?

Marked property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of or re-sell. It can be traced to the rightful owner with relative ease. And, if the burglar is caught with marked property, it is solid evidence of possession of stolen goods.

How To Participate

To participate in Operation Identification call your local police or sheriff's office to borrow an electric engraving tool. Law Enforcement Agencies with Crime Prevention Programs have these engraving tools and will lend them to citizens free of charge. Other agencies will direct you to one of the community - minded organizations in your area which are providing engravers for the program. Your **Driver's License Number** should be used as your identifying mark on the valuables which you engrave. A typical marking should look like this:

TX 4596741 DL

The Driver's License Number should be engraved on an area that cannot be easily dismantled, and which is not easily seen.

After marking your property, make a list of your valuables and keep a copy of the list in a safe place. If you should subsequently become a burglary victim, you will be able to quickly describe the stolen property from the list. This will be a great help to the police in their attempts to recover the stolen property.

Once property has been marked and a list made, display an Operation Identification sticker at doors and windows which might be used for entry. By advertising your participation in Operation ID in this way, you are announcing that your valuable property has been marked and will be difficult for a burglar to re-sell. Often the presence of the sticker alone is enough to deter a burglar.



- DO NOT -
However Display An
Operation ID Sticker
Without First Engraving
Your Property



Burglary is the most frequently committed crime in the United States. By participating in Operation ID you are taking one important step to protect your possessions from burglary and theft. There are many other crime prevention anti-burglary precautions which you can take to protect your home, property, business, and family. For further information, contact your local law enforcement agency.

Mark These Possessions

The items listed below are those most commonly stolen from homes and businesses.

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| TV, DVD Players | Lawn Mowers |
| Stereo Equipment | Bicycles |
| iPods, Radios | Outboard Motors |
| Car Stereos | Golf Clubs |
| Guns, Knives | |
| Fishing Rods, |  |
| Reels | |
| Vacuum Cleaners | Electric Shavers |
| Kitchen Appliances, (Mixers, Toasters, etc.) | Tools (Hand and Power) |
| Computers, Lap Tops | Watches, Clocks |
| Calculators | Game Consoles |
| Cameras, Recorders | |
| Hub Caps, |  |
| Rims | |