



## What makes Operation Identification so effective?

Marked property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of or resell. 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.

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

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

## What is Operation Identification?

**Operation Identification** is a crime prevention program specifically designed to discourage theft and provide a means of easy identification of stolen or lost property by marking your valuables.

**Operation Identification** involves the marking of items of value with a special identification number causing burglars or thieves to be deterred from taking property that has been engraved or marked because it is harder to sell thus is a less attractive target.

**Operation Identification** is a two part project. First, you mark all of your easily stolen valuables so that they can be identified as yours. Second, you display a sticker which alerts burglars that you have done so.

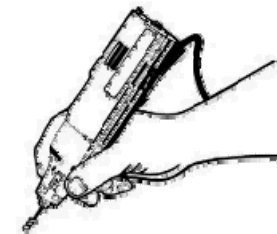
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