

What is Operation Identification?

Operation Identification is a citizen's burglary prevention program for homes and businesses. The Operation I.D. Program involves marking 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 the ability to reduce burglaries.

The Operation I.D. program has 3 parts:

- Mark your valuables with your Texas Driver License or Identification Number.
- Record the item, the serial #, and the location where the number is engraved. Prepare a list of all items and numbers. Keep the numbers in a secure place, such as a safety deposit box.
- Display the Operation I.D. sticker. This indicates that your property has been marked.

What Makes Operation I.D. so Effective?

Engraved property is difficult for a burglar to sell. If properly marked, it can be traced to the rightful owner. If a person is caught with marked property, it can be used as evidence of the possession of stolen goods.

How To Participate?

Your Texas Driver License or Identification Number should be used as your identifying mark on the valuables that you engrave. Never use your social security number as your identifying mark. A typical marking should look like the one below.

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The Texas Driver License or Identification number should be engraved on an area that cannot be easily seen.

Possessions that are too small or too valuable to engrave should be photographed or videotaped next to a ruler to convey an accurate impression of its size.

After marking, photographing, or videotaping your property, make a list of your valuables. Keep a copy of the list in a safe place. If you should become a victim, you will be able to describe the stolen property to the police from the list. This information will help law enforcement recover the stolen items.

Once you have marked your property and made a list, display an Operation Identification sticker on a door or window that will most likely be used for entry.

Do not display an Operation I.D. sticker without first engraving your property.

Burglary is one of the most frequently committed crimes in the United States. By participating in Operation I.D., you are taking one important step toward protecting your possessions from theft.

Suggested Items To Mark

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

- Television Sets
- Stereo Equipment
- Radios
- Tape Recorders
- Fishing Rods and Reels
- CD Players
- DVD Players
- Household Appliances
- Hub Caps and Mag Wheels
- Outboard Motors
- Hand Tools and Power Tools
- VCR Players and Recorders
- Typewriters and Business Machines
- Cellular Telephones
- Computers
- Guns
- Cameras
- CB Radios
- Golf Clubs
- Bicycles
- Binoculars
- Jewelry
- Copiers