

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION



A BURGLARY PREVENTION PROGRAM

What Is Operation Identification?

Operation identification (Operation ID) is a citizen's burglary prevention program for use in homes and businesses. The Operation ID program involves marking property with an identifying number as a means of discouraging burglary and theft. It also provides police with a way to identify property should it be stolen and recovered. In communities where it has been properly implemented, Operation ID has shown dramatic results in burglary reduction.

Operation ID Has Two Basic Components

First

- Engrave your valuables with your driver's license number so your property can be easily traced and identified as yours.
- Engrave in two locations: 1. One that can be easily seen. 2. One that cannot easily be seen.

Second

- Display a sticker that tells would-be burglars that your property has been marked.

Note:

Electric engravers may be checked out at Seaside Police Department. There are a limited number of these engravers, so please return it as soon as you are finished marking items.

What Makes Operation ID So Effective?

Marked property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of and it can be traced to the rightful owner with relative ease. If a 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 police in their attempts to recover stolen possessions.

Once property has been marked and a list made, display the Operation ID sticker on doors and windows that could 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 sell. Often, the presence of the sticker alone is enough to deter a burglar.

Mark these Possessions

- Bicycles
- Camcorders
- Cameras
- Computer equipment
- DVD players
- Guns
- Lawn mowers
- Musical instruments
- Outboard motors
- Radios
- Stereo equipment
- Telephones
- Televisions
- Tools