

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

What is Operation Identification?

Operation Identification is a citizen's burglary prevention program for use in homes. 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 ID has shown dramatic results in its ability to reduce burglaries.

The Operation ID program has two basic parts:

FIRST...

Mark your valuables with your driver's license number so that your property can be easily traced and identified as yours. **Please note:** If your driver's license number is your social security number, we strongly recommend you obtain a new license with a new number; **or**, obtain an Arizona State Identification Card that has a generic number and does not expire. Mark property as follows:

AZxxxxxxxx
(driver's license number)

Engrave in two locations; one that can be easily seen and one that cannot.

SECOND...

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

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. 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.

DO NOT, HOWEVER, DISPLAY AN OPERATION IDENTIFICATION STICKER WITHOUT FIRST ENGRAVING YOUR PROPERTY.

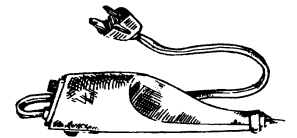
Burglary is the most frequently committed crime in the United States. By participating in Operation ID, you are taking one important step to protect your possessions from burglary and theft. There are many other crime prevention anti-burglary precautions you can take to protect your home, property, business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

Mark These Possessions...

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| Adding Machines | Lawn Mowers |
| Answering Machines | Mag Wheels |
| Bicycles | Microwaves |
| Binoculars | MP3 players |
| Cameras | Musical Instruments |
| Camping Equipment | Outboard Motors |
| CB Radios | PDA's |
| Cell Phones | Radios |
| Computers | Stereo Equipment |
| DVD players/recorders | Tools (hand/power) |
| DVRs | TVs |
| Fishing Rods, Reels | Typewriters |
| Gaming Systems | Vacuum Cleaners |
| Golf Clubs | VCRs |
| Guns | Wheel Covers |

Download the property inventory form from the Web at http://www.mesaaz.gov/police/literature/pdf/property_record.pdf

Engravers available at the main branch of the Mesa Public Library.



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