



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 drivers license number so your property can be easily traced and identified as yours. Please note—If your drivers license number is your Social Security Number, we strongly recommend you: a) obtain a new license with a new number, or b) obtain an Oklahoma State ID Card, which has a generic number and does not expire. Engrave as follows:
 - OK##### 11 (year of expiration)
 - Engrave in two locations: 1) one that can easily be seen, and 2) one that cannot easily be seen.
 - Photograph or videotape items and keep the photos/tape in a fireproof safe or safety deposit box. Jewelry should be photographed with an ID card and ruler next to it to show ownership and size.

Second

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

Note: Electric engravers can be purchased at hardware stores, or large department stores in the "tools" section.

What Makes Operation ID So Effective?

Marked property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of—it can be traced to the rightful owner with relative ease. And, 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 Identification sticker on doors and windows that could be used for entry. By advertising your participation in Operation Identification 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

The items listed below are those most commonly stolen from homes, cars, and businesses:

Bicycles
Binoculars
Camcorders
Cameras
Car audio systems
Computer equipment
DVD players
Fishing rods, reels
Golf clubs
Guns
Kitchen appliances
Lawn mowers
Microwaves
MP3 players
Musical instruments
Outboard motors
Radios
Stereo equipment
Telephones
Tools (hand/power)
Televisions

