



# What is Operation Identification?

Operation Identification is a citizen's burglary prevention program for use in homes and businesses. The Operation ID program involves the marking of property with an identifying number as means of discouraging burglary and theft. In communities where it has been properly implemented, Operation Identification has shown dramatic results in its ability to reduce burglaries.

The Operation ID Program is composed of two parts:

- **First**, mark your valuables with your Driver's License Number so that your property can be easily traced and identified as yours.
- **Second**, display a sticker which tells would-be burglars that your property has been marked.

Do not mark property with your social security number because the police do not have access to social security information.

## Why is Operation ID So Effective?

Marked property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of or re-sell. 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.

Engraving kits may be checked out from the Ott Cribbs Public Safety Center, 620 W. Division St.

# How to Participate

To participate in Operation Identification, citizens may borrow an electric engraving tool from the Arlington Police Department. Engravers are inexpensive and can be purchased at most home improvement centers if citizens would like to own an engraver.

Your Driver's License Number should be used as your identifying mark on valuables which you engrave. Citizens who do not have a Texas Operators License may use the number from the identification card issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety. A typical marking should look like this: TX3596731

The Driver's License Number should be engraved on an area that can not be easily dismantled, and which is not easily seen.



# Identification Number Initiative

The Arlington Police Department encourages residents of our community to maintain a record of valuables likely to be targeted in a residential burglary. In the unfortunate event your residence is burglarized, having a record of identification numbers will dramatically increase the likelihood of recovering the stolen item. This record also aids in apprehending criminals making our community a safer place to reside.

## How to Use the Form

List out your valuables and record the identification numbers. Keep the form in a safe location for future reference.



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