

<p>CRIME PREVENTION & COMMUNITY RELATIONS</p>	 <p>YAVAPAI COUNTY <i>Arizona</i> SHERIFF'S OFFICE <i>Serving Since 1864</i></p>	<p>OPERATION IDENTIFICATION 1 Page</p>
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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 some type of identification name or number that can be easily traced and identified as yours. Something as simple as your name will work.
- Engrave as follows: 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 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.

MARK THESE POSSESSIONS:

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

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| Answering machines | Bicycles | Binoculars | Camcorders | Cameras |
| Computer equipment | DVD players | Fishing rods, reels | Golf clubs | Guns Kitchen appliances |
| Lawn mowers | Mag wheels | Microwaves | MP3 players | Musical instruments |
| Radios | Stereo equipment | Tape recorders | Telephones | Tools (hand/power) |
| Televisions | Vacuum cleaners | Wheel covers | and any other items of value. | |

