Operation Identification

A burglary prevention tool

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 (or any number that is of importance to you) so 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 DO NOT USE YOUR SS#:
- a) Obtain a new license with a new number, or b) Obtain an Arizona State Identification Card, which has a generic number and does not expire. Engrave as follows:

- AZ####### 09 (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 sign that tells would-be burglars that your property has been marked. The Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board window sign includes the Operation Identification warning.

Note: Electric engravers can be purchased at hardware stores.

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 Block Watch and Operation Identification window sign in your front window. 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 sign alone is enough to deter a burglar.

Suggestions: Mark These Possessions

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

Answering machines	Mag wheels
Bicycles	Microwaves
Binoculars	MP3 players
Camcorders	Musical instruments
Cameras	Outboard motors
Car audio systems	Radios
Computer equipment	Stereo equipment
DVD players	Tape recorders
Fishing rods, reels	Telephones
Golf clubs	Tools (hand/power)
GPS System	Televisions
Guns	Vacuum cleaners
Kitchen appliances	Video game consoles
Lawn mowers	Wheel covers

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VALUABLE PROPERTY INFORMATION

name:
address:
zip: phone:
ID number used:
date of inventory:

CARS, MOTORCYCLES, SCOOTERS, ETC

MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	LIC. NO.	VIN/SERIAL NO.

BICYCLES/COMPONENTS

MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	SERIAL #

GUNS

MAKE	MODEL	CALIBER	SERIAL #

TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS, STEREOS

MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	SERIAL #

CAMERAS, WATCHES, SPORTING GOODS

ITEM	MODEL	COLOR	SERIAL #

OTHER PROPERTY

ITEM	MODEL	COLOR	SERIAL #

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