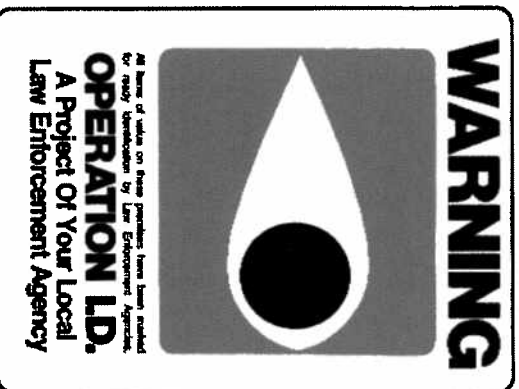


DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT



OPERATION IDENTIFICATION



WHAT IS OPERATION IDENTIFICATION?

Operation Identification encourages people to engrave or permanently mark their valuable property with their Driver's License or Texas Identification number. This is done as a means of identifying and recovering stolen property. An alternate and non-defacing means of identification is to record manufacturer names and product serial numbers.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

Deters Crime: Thieves and burglars are less likely to steal an item that can be positively identified and that will be difficult to sell.

Positive Identification: The owner of stolen or lost property can easily be located through existing records.

Helps Criminal Prosecution: The arresting officers readily use the stolen property in pursuing the case through the courts.

Aids Recovery: Stolen and/or lost property are more likely to be returned to the owner.

WHAT SHOULD BE MARKED?

Mark anything of value that a thief could carry away.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

All you have to do is mark your valuable property with your driver's license number like this "TX00123456". The use of an engraving pen makes it very difficult for a thief to remove the number. Electric engravers may be purchased at a hardware store or borrowed from your local Dallas Police Department substation.

If the item is an heirloom or would lose value if marked with an engraver, do not mark it. An alternate means of property identification and recovery is to record manufacturer and model names, and product serial numbers. A photograph may also be helpful.

If you relinquish the property to another after marking it with your number, do not remove your number. The new owner should add their number next to yours.

MAKE A WRITTEN INVENTORY:

The inventory should include brand and model names along with the serial numbers, the date of purchase, and cost.

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION DECALS:

Once marking or recording is completed you may obtain Operation Identification decals from any of the police substations and place them in front, side and rear doors or windows to discourage potential burglars or thieves.