



What is Operation Identification (Operation I.D.)?

Operation Identification, Operation I.D., is a nationally recognized effort of theft prevention / property identification program for use in homes and businesses. Operation I.D. involves the marking of property with an identifying number or simply recording any and all preexisting serial numbers as a means of discouraging burglary and theft. In communities where it has been properly implemented, Operation I.D. has shown dramatic results in the ability to reduce burglaries.

These numbers also help law enforcement agencies identify your property should it be lost or stolen.

What makes Operation Identification so Effective?

Engraved property is difficult for a burglar to sell. If properly marked or recorded, it can be traced to the rightful owner. If a person is caught with marked property, it can be used as evidence of possession of stolen goods. If you are the victim of a burglary or theft and your property is recovered, it makes for easy identification of your property.

How to Participate?

It is recommended that your Indiana Driver License or Identification Number be used as your identifying mark on valuables that you engrave. Never use your social security number as your identifying mark. A typical marking should look like the one below.

IN- 1111-22-3333

The Indiana Driver License or Identification Number should be engraved on an area that cannot be easily seen.

All items that might be attractive to a thief such as televisions, radios, camera equipment, stereos, small appliances, computers and tools, should be marked and existing serial numbers recorded on the Operation Identification form provided. Small and very valuable items such as jewelry or antiques can either be engraved by a jeweler and videotaped or photographed for identification purposes.

Photographs and videotapes should include a ruler to show scale size. The photograph should be dated and your identification number should be shown in the picture or written in print.

Keep a copy of the list in a safe place such as a safe or safety deposit box along with any videotapes or pictures. Keep the list updated by continuing to add any new purchases or possessions immediately upon getting them.

Once you have marked all of your property, display an Operation Identification sticker near the main entrance to your home. These stickers can be obtained by contacting the Noblesville Police Department Program Manager Lieutenant Cynthia Dukette-Rodriguez at (317) 776 - 6340 ext.1262.

Suggested Items to Mark?

These items listed below are stolen most frequently from homes and businesses.

* Televisions * Stereo Equipment * Radios * DVD Players

* Computers * Bicycles * Cameras * Jewelry

* Guns * Hand Tools and Power Tools * Cellular Phones * Household Appliances

* Cash * Golf Clubs * Mopeds * CD Players and CDs

Who to Contact

If you are interested in participating in Operation Identification or if you simply have additional questions, please feel free to contact the Noblesville Police Department's Program Manager.

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