

# Operation Identification

## What is Operation Identification?

A property identification and inventory system that protects your property.

Operation Identification is designed to discourage theft of valuables and simplify identification of stolen property.

The program has dramatically reduced the profit in stolen goods. Marked articles are difficult to dispose of and easily traced. If you advertise that your valuables are protected by Operation Identification, you are less likely to be victimized.

Operation Identification works when property is stolen or lost since proper identification makes it possible for police to return the property.

## How do you participate?

Contact the police. You will be loaned an electric engraver, free of charge. You will also receive decals which should be displayed at entrances, to show that your valuables are marked.

## What Number should you use?

Use your Ontario Drivers licence number. Special identification numbers will be issued for businesses, schools etc.

## Helpful hints

→ Don't display decals unless you have marked your property. Make a record of your property and keep it in a safe place

→ Use the engraver vertically (not on a slant). Adjust the knob to a louder position for hard surfaces.

→ The identification number should be readily visible without marring the appearance of the item. A second number (hidden) is recommended.

Others are waiting for the engraver. Please return it within the agreed time.

You can mark valuables by engraving them, stamping them, stitching your Social Insurance Number into them or in some cases by photographing them.

For more information or to reserve an engraver, Call the **Hamilton Police Service Crime Prevention Branch** at: **(905) 546-4900**