

# OPERATION ID

## WHAT IT IS

Operation ID is a burglary prevention program for use in homes and businesses. It also provides a way for you to easily identify stolen property. The program involves marking and inventorying your property. Marking property denies a thief a market for stolen items. Property marked with your driver's license number will not be readily resalable. Operation I.D. works even when the property is stolen by helping the police contact you when property is recovered so that you can identify the property and have it returned. Stolen items of value are entered into local police computer systems and/or the National Crime Information Center, making information available to all police agencies.

## EVOLVING TECHNOLOGY

Operation ID has traditionally involved marking property to identify property and to discourage burglary and theft. However, Operation ID has evolved with new technology for easier completion. There are a variety of resources online which can aid you with identifying your property. Residents and business owners can choose to implement dots, barcodes, online storage of property lists, etc. New products emerge frequently.



## MARKING YOUR PROPERTY

### RESIDENTS

Engrave all property that can be taken away with the letters "VA" and your Virginia Drivers License number or Virginia I.D. Card Number. Example – "VA123456789." Assign each item a different number by adding a number to the end of your driver's license number for each item.

### BUSINESSES/ORGANIZATIONS

Engrave all property that can be taken away with a personal identification number such as an abbreviation of your organization with street number. Example – Mary's Lock Store at 5200 Main Street would use MLS52. Assign each item a different number by adding a number to the end of your personal identification number for each item.

List property, noting serial numbers, make, model, color. Photograph or videotape all property.

Put your list in a place safe from theft and fire.

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**Crime Prevention Unit**  
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# Property Inventory Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ID Number:\_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Type:
Name on Card:
Card #:
Exp. Date:
Theft Phone #:

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