

## Protect Your Valuables

The items listed below are commonly stolen from homes, businesses, and vehicles. Please consider marking these and other valuable personal belongings.

- Television Sets
- Home Stereos
- VCRs / DVD Players
- MP3 Players
- Camcorders
- Digital Cameras
- Car Audio Components
- Binoculars
- Bicycles
- Watches
- Desktop/Laptop Computers
- Hub Caps/Rims
- Cell Phones
- Electric Shavers
- Clocks
- Appliances
- Golf Clubs
- Jewelry
- Sewing Machines
- Sports Equipment
- Tools (Hand & Power)
- Instruments
- CDs/DVDs
- Projectors
- Tool Boxes
- Wallets/Purses



### Police Department

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OPERATION ID



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## What is Operation Identification?

Operation Identification is a national program for property identification and inventory that protects your possessions. This program is available to all students, faculty, and staff. A procedure involves marking and inventorying your possessions.

Use a Property Identification form to inventory your valuable theft sensitive property. This form, which is part of the Operation ID Program, is available at the TSTC Police Department and Housing Office. This record will document necessary information to give the police, if your property is stolen. Keep the form in a safe place where it can be referred to, if necessary.



## What Makes Operation ID so Effective?

The engraving informs the thief that the potential victim has security awareness and has taken precautions, thereby encouraging the thief to find an "easier" target. Marked property is difficult for a thief to dispose of or resell. It can be traced to the rightful owner with relative ease. And, if the thief is caught with marked property, it is solid evidence of possession of stolen goods.

## What Number Should I Use?

The most effective number to use is your state driver license number. Police agencies across the country have access to this number through state motor vehicle records. Precede the driver license number with the state where the license was issued, (i.e., TX for a license issued in Texas).

## How Do I Mark My Property?

For hard objects use an engraving tool to mark a permanent part of the item. For soft or porous objects use a contracting permanent marking pen. An engraver and permanent markers are available at the TSTC Police Department.

For items that cannot be marked, place the object against a plain background and take several color photographs from different angles. Include a ruler in the photograph for scale.



After marking your property, complete the "Property Identification" form available at the TSTC Police Department. Leave the original with the Police Department and keep a copy for your personal records. Be sure to store it in a safe place. If you should subsequently become a burglary victim, you will be able to quickly describe the stolen property from your inventory list. This will be of great help to police in their attempt to recover your stolen possessions.

**For more information contact  
the TSTC Police Department**

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Texas State Technical College Police Department personnel are available to assist students/faculty/staff with Operation ID for personal property they may have on the college campus. To schedule an appointment for assistance please call the TSTC Police Department at 956.364.4220.

