

## WHAT IS OPERATION ID?

Operation ID is a burglary-deterrent program for homes, apartments and businesses.

The program involves labeling property with an identifying number to discourage burglary and theft.

In communities where it has been properly implemented, Operation ID has shown dramatic results in its ability to reduce burglaries.

The Operation ID program requires you to label your valuables, so that your property can be easily traced and identified.

You display a window sticker that tells would-be burglars that your property has been marked.

If an item cannot be labeled, write your identification number on a piece of paper and place it beside the item. Take a photo and attach it to your inventory list, to be kept in a safe place.

You will then be able to identify the item even though it was not labeled.

## WHAT MAKES IT SO EFFECTIVE?

Labeled property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of or resell. It can be traced to the rightful owner with relative ease. And, if the burglar is caught with labeled property, it is solid evidence of possession of stolen goods.

## SUGGESTED ITEMS TO LABEL

These items are most commonly stolen from homes, vehicles, and businesses. You are not limited to just these items. Anything can be labeled.

- TVs
- electronic components
- guns
- kitchen appliances
- computers
- cameras
- gaming systems
- bicycles
- tools (hand tools or power)
- GPS devices
- cell phones
- DVD players
- tire rims



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### OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

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## Property- Identification Program



WHAT YOU CAN DO  
TO AID IN THE PREVENTION  
OF BURGLARY AND THEFTS  
AND ASSIST IN THE  
RECOVERY OF STOLEN  
PROPERTY

# OUR PROPERTY LABELING PROGRAM

## Residential Operation ID

Residential Operation ID is a citizen's burglary-deterrent program. This program involves labeling personal property with your State Driver's License or State Identification card number and recording serial numbers for those items. After labeling, you are provided window stickers to display, letting a potential burglar know that items have been labeled. A police representative from your local police district is available to assist elderly or handicapped citizens with this task.

## HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

To participate in Operation ID, citizens should contact the Philadelphia Police Department online at [www.phillypolice.com](http://www.phillypolice.com) or by visiting your local police district. Citizens will be provided void silver polyester labels. These labels will include your State Driver's license number or your State Identification card number as your identifying mark, it will be in the following format:

**PA1234678**

Other options include the use of a home or cell phone number.

Place the label on a visible area near the existing serial number. After labeling your property, make a list of the items and keep that list in a safe place, such as a safety deposit box. If you become a victim of a burglary, you will be able to quickly describe the stolen property from the list. This will be of great help to the police in their attempts to recover the stolen possessions.

Once your property has been labeled and a list has been compiled, display the Operation ID stickers (obtained from the Philadelphia Police Department) on windows and doors.

By advertising your participation in Operation ID, you are announcing that your property has been labeled and will be difficult to resell. Often, the presence of the sticker alone is enough to deter a burglar.

Items Labeled & Serial Numbers

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