Operation Identification

What is Operation Identification?
Operation Identification is a citizen’s burglary prevention program for use in homes and businesses. The Operation ID program involves the marking of property with an identifying number as a means of discouraging burglary and theft. In communities where it has been properly implemented, Operation ID has shown dramatic results in its ability to reduce burglaries.

How Does It Work?
The Operation ID program has two parts. FIRST, mark your valuables with your Driver’s License Number so that your property can be easily traced and identified as yours. SECOND, display a sticker that tells would-be burglars that your property has been marked.

Operation Identification at UTSA
Burglary is one of the most frequently committed crimes in the United States. By participating in Operation ID you are taking one important step to protect your possessions from burglary and theft. There are many other crime prevention anti-burglary precautions that you can take to protect your home, property, business and family.

Find out more about Operation Identification in this brochure!

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Report a crime! Want to remain anonymous? Log on to www.utsa.edu/utsapd, “Silent Witness Program”. 
How Can I Participate?
To participate in Operation Identification call the UTSAPD Crime Prevention Unit or your University Housing Representative to either have your property engraved, or to borrow an electric engraving tool. The UTSAPD offers this service free of charge to the UTSA Community.

How Do I Engrave My Own Property?
Your Driver’s License Number should be used as your identifying mark on the valuables that you engrave. A typical marking should look like this:

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The Driver’s License Number should be engraved on an area that cannot be easily dismantled, and which is not easily seen. After marking your property, make a list of your valuables and keep a copy of the list in a safe place. If you should subsequently become a burglary victim, 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 property. Once property has been marked and a list made, display an Operation Identification sticker at doors and windows that might be used for entry. By advertising your participation in Operation ID in this way, you are announcing that your valuable property has been marked and will be difficult for a burglar to re-sell. Often the presence of the sticker alone is enough to deter a burglar.