



# Crime Prevention Tips

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Community  
Resource  
Unit

Committed to quality service with an emphasis on integrity,  
professionalism and community spirit.

## Operation I.D.

Operation Identification is one basic step you can take to help prevent theft and aid in the recovery of stolen property.

Operation Identification is a nation-wide effort of law enforcement agencies and the citizens and businesses they serve. The goal is to reduce property theft and aid in recovery of stolen property through an identification system.

Marking your possessions with an identifying number is an effective method of deterring theft. Thieves find it more difficult to dispose of stolen articles that can be traced through an owner's personal ID number. If caught with a marked item, the thief can be convicted. The marked items can also be returned to the rightful owner.

### Selecting a Proper Identification Number

Select a nine digit number preceded by CO. **NEVER USE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AS AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER FOR ANY REASON.**

Example: Number and state abbreviation

**"CO123456789"**

If you sell an item do not "*scratch out*" your ID number, simply draw one line through it. This way the item can still be identified down the road and it won't appear to law enforcement that the number has been "altered."

### Mark Your Property

- Mark all of your valuable possessions with an electric engraver.
- Practice using the engraver on scrap material before marking your property.
- The electric engraver can be used on metal, wood, or hard plastic. Your personal ID number should be marked on all removable parts in at least two places: one visible and one hidden.
- Some items cannot be engraved and have no model and/or serial number, such as antiques, furs, jewelry, musical instruments, fine art, and silver. It is suggested that such items be photographed/video taped for size and identification purposes. When photographing or video taping property make sure that you place an item in the picture, such as a ruler or dollar bill, to establish scale.
- The Operation I.D. form below.
- Store the completed form in a safe place.

If any of your belongings are stolen, notify Law enforcement immediately. The valuable items can be entered in the Criminal Justice Information System computer system. This will alert police agencies nationwide of the theft. This will aide in recovering the items.

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(TO OBTAIN AN ENGRAVER GO TO PUBLIC LIBRARY)

**\*AUTOMOBILE, MOTORCYCLE, MOPED**

	Make	Model	Lic. No	Color	Serial Number
A-1					
A-2					
A-3					
A-4					
A-5					

**\*BICYCLE**

	Make	Model	Lic. No	Color	Serial Number
B-1					
B-2					
B-3					
B-4					
B-5					

**\*FIREARMS/WEAPONS**

	Make	Model	Caliber	Serial Number
C-1				
C-2				
C-3				
C-4				
C-5				

**\*TELEVISION, VHS RECORDER, RADIO EQUIPMENT, CB RADIO, STEREO, CELL PHONES, PAGER**

	Item	Make	Model	Serial Number
D-1				
D-2				
D-3				
D-4				
D-5				
D-6				
D-7				
D-8				
D-9				
D-10				

KEEP THIS CARD FOR YOUR RECORDS IN A SAFE PLACE.

**\*HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES  
DISHWASHER, STOVE, MIXER, TOASTER, REFRIGERATOR,  
MICROWAVE**

	Item	Make	Model	Serial Number
E-1				
E-2				
E-3				
E-4				
E-5				
E-6				
E-7				
E-8				
E-9				
E-10				
E-11				
E-12				
E-13				

**\*CAMERA, BINOCULARS, WATCHES, SPORTING GOODS,  
SEWING MACHINE, COMPUTERS**

	Item	Make	Model	Serial Number
F-1				
F-2				
F-3				
F-4				
F-5				
F-6				
F-7				
F-8				
F-9				
F-10				
F-11				
F-12				
F-13				

**\*POWER TOOLS AND LAWN EQUIPMENT,  
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT**

	Item	Make	Model	Serial Number
G-1				
G-2				
G-3				
G-4				
G-5				
G-6				
G-7				
G-8				
G-9				
G-10				
G-11				
G-12				

# OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

of your Valuable Property

**\*PHOTOGRAPHS OF JEWELRY, ANTIQUES, COLLECTIONS  
\*OTHER PROPERTY**

	Item	Make	Model	Serial Number
H-1				
H-2				
H-3				
H-4				
H-5				
H-6				
H-7				
H-8				
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H-29				
H-30				

(Please print plainly.)

Note: Engrave I.D. should be "CO" (for Colorado) and a nine-digit number of your choice.

If you have any questions, contact Deputy Amir Stephen at (720) 874-3752, e-mail [astephen@co.arapahoe.co.us](mailto:astephen@co.arapahoe.co.us), or contact Deputy Brian McKnight at (720) 874-3750, e-mail [bmcknight@co.arapahoe.co.us](mailto:bmcknight@co.arapahoe.co.us).

**To report a crime, call the  
Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office at  
(303)-795-4711 or 911 for emergencies**