Property identification

Marking and recording your property helps to deter theft and also provides proof of ownership of your valuables. By marking and recording your property, you can also assist police in identifying and returning stolen property to its rightful owner.



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What you can do

Thieves usually steal items of value which can be quickly converted to cash. Consider these steps to protect your property and valuables:

- Consider engraving your belongings however seek advice before using an engraver as not all items are suitable for engraving.
- Consider marking your property with a unique personal code in the top right hand corner of the item or near to the manufacturer's serial number.
- Use identification (ID) warning stickers on personal property, windows and doors to deter potential offenders. ID stickers are available from your local Neighbourhood Watch Group.
- Keep photographic records of your property which cannot be engraved such as jewellery, art, collectables, silverware and stamp and coin collections. Use a ruler or matchbox beside the object when taking a photo to help determine size.
- Keep a list of all serial numbers, model numbers and specific features of your personal property with a personal inventory list and keep the list and any valuation certificates in a safe place in the event of any insurance claims.
- Consider providing your details and personal codes to your local police.

Property you should identify

Inside your home

• Televisions • Audio and stereo equipment • Computers/laptops/printers • Cameras • Musical equipment • Microwaves • Kitchen appliances • Sporting goods • Furniture • Clocks

Outside your home

• Bicycles • Power tools • Trailers • Garden tools • Welders • Tool boxes • Lawn mowers/garden edge trimmers • Chainsaws

In your vehicle

• Stereo system • Speakers • Navigation devices • Tools/tool boxes • Mag wheels

On your acreage/rural property

• Tractors • Ride-on mowers • Welders • Slashers • Horse floats • Water pumps • Rotary hoes • Stock crates

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