

Property Identification

Marking your property helps to deter theft and provides proof of ownership of your valuables.

It also assists police to identify and return stolen property to its rightful owner.



What can you do?

- Use an engraver. Engravers are available for loan, free of charge from your local police station or try contacting your local Neighbourhood Watch group. Seek advice before using an engraver as not all items are suitable for engraving.
- Use identification (ID) warning stickers on personal property and on windows and doors to deter potential offenders. ID stickers are available from your local police station.
- Use microdots. Microdots are a modern way of marking property for identification and home kits are available from selected retailers and suppliers.
- Keep photographic records of your property that cannot be engraved such as jewellery, works of art, collectables, silverware and stamp and coin collections. Use a ruler or matchbox beside the object when photographing to help determine size.
- Keep a list of all serial numbers, model numbers and specific features of your personal property on a Personal Inventory List. Keep the list and any valuation certificates in a safe place in the event of any insurance claims.

Thieves usually steal items of value that can be quickly converted to cash.

How should I mark my property?

Property identification involves marking your property with a unique personal code or your driver's license number. It's recommended that you create your own personal code, by using details such as your name, date of birth and state of residence. For example, the personal code for Brandon Smith, born 1 August 1974, living in Queensland would be: **BS010874Q**

Where should I mark my property?

Whether engraving or using microdots consider marking your property in the top right hand corner of the item or near to the manufacturer's serial number.

After marking your property contact your local police station and advise them of your unique code.



For more information go to www.police.qld.gov.au

Follow the links to crime prevention



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