

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

- Permanently and clearly mark all valuable property with an identification number. It is best to use your driver license or state identification card number, including the state initials.

Example: CO12 - 345 - 6789

Do not use your social security number!

- Use an engraver, carbide-tipped pen, or an indelible marker to mark the property.
- If the property can not be marked (jewelry, coins, guns, antiques, etc), it should be photographed or video taped. Include a ruler to indicate the relative size of the item. Also, place a small card next to the item that includes a description of what is in the photograph.



- Record description information on the attached inventory sheet or save it on a computer disk or CD.
- Keep the inventory and any photos or videos in a safe place. It may be a good idea to keep one copy of the items in your home and a second copy in another location, such as a safe-deposit box or with a relative.

If your property is lost or stolen, provide a copy of your inventory and any photos or videos to law enforcement and your insurance company.

If you sell or give away property that you have marked, draw a line through the identification number with an engraver or indelible marker. (By using a single line, the number can still be read and traced if needed)

Provide a bill of sale or other documentation to the recipient to use as their proof of ownership.

To report a crime, call the non-emergency dispatch number:
(719) 390-5555

For emergencies, call

911



El Paso County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Program

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WHAT IS OPERATION IDENTIFICATION?

Operation Identification is a crime prevention program intended to make personal property easily identifiable. The program was first started in Monterey Park, California in 1963.

Having your property marked with identification information may deter theft before it occurs since your property is more difficult to sell or pawn with your information on it.

It can also increase the likelihood of property being returned to the rightful owner in the event it is recovered after being lost or stolen.



