



## **Minnesota Crime Prevention Association's Crime Prevention Tips**

The MCPA strives to bring current information regarding prevention topics to its members. Please use these prevention tips to promote safety to the citizens of your community. These tips are great for brochures, newsletters, e-mails, etc.

Topic: **Operation Identification**

### **A Prevention Program Effective in Reducing Burglary!**

In the age of technology and possessions that are valuable, it is important to be able to identify your belongings in the event they are stolen but more importantly, to prevent the theft from occurring.

Operation ID is one way to accomplish that by first marking all easily stolen valuables in a way that they can be identified as yours and second, displaying the sticker that warns others you have done so.

Law enforcement agencies assign numbers to citizens and businesses to mark either with electric engraver, marker or other tool, and then keeping a record of the items in a safe place.

For more information or to receive the supplies (including engravers, markers and stickers), contact the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Crime Watch at 651-793-1109.