



Operation ID

A program of the Alvin Police Department

Thank you for participating in Operation ID. It is a program of the Alvin Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. This program is designed to inform residents about marking their property. Marking your possessions is important in helping the Alvin Police Department apprehend burglars and return property to its rightful owner.

We recommend that you use an engraver to apply your Texas driver license number (or your Texas ID number) on your property. Apply the letters "TX" followed by your driver license number or ID number. Other numbers, such as your Social Security number, are not recommended. The Alvin Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit offers many programs and services free of charge. To obtain more information please call (281)585-7124.

GUIDELINES

1. Always practice before using the engraver. Practice on the same type of material/surface to be marked. Hold the engraver straight up, not at a slant.
2. Be sure to engrave the entire identification number every time. (Don't forget to use the letters "TX" before the number.)
3. Mark the property as conspicuously as possible, making sure that you have marked it on a non-removable area.
4. Remember that the engraver has a depth adjuster. This distinction is important for soft surfaces.
5. Make a record of the property marked (itemized) and keep it in a safe place.
6. Property that cannot or should not be engraved should be photographed, clearly described, and itemized along with step #5.
7. Window decals are available to you after you have engraved your property. These decals let burglars know that your property will be easily identified.

Remember that your applied number is **NOT** a serial number. Serial numbers should never be altered, removed or obliterated. **THAT'S THE LAW.** The number you affix is considered an "Owner Applied Number." This "OAN" is treated as a serial number under the law. If you should give up ownership of the marked item, do not alter, remove or obliterate your number. Simply have the new owner affix their own number and the word "owner" by their number.

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