

# Operation I.D.

## ***What is Operation I.D.?***

Operation I.D. is a program designed to deter theft and aid in the recovery of stolen property. The program can be used in the home or in businesses for burglary prevention and property identification. Marking your property provides a visual deterrence to theft as well as aiding law enforcement agencies in the identification and recovery of stolen property.

## ***Engrave Your Property***

Mark items of value that are portable such as radios, televisions, camera equipment, VCR's, compact discs, sports equipment, small appliances, tools and your vehicles. Small or very valuable items can be engraved by a jeweler or photographed for identification purposes.

Use your driver's license number and the state identifier (CA for California) People who don't drive should use their California identification card number. These can be obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**DO NOT** use your social security number to identify property. This is to prevent identity theft.

Engrave your property in a conspicuous place without defacing the property. Make sure that the mark is on a permanently affixed area and not on a part that is removable.

## ***Keep Good Records!***

Keeping good records is a key element of the Operation I.D. program. Keep a list of items marked, make, model, size, color, serial number and your identifying mark. Also note where the mark was made on the property itself. Keep one copy at home and one in a secure place such as a safety deposit box.

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# Neighborhood Watch and YOUR Sheriff's Office



***"Building a Safe Community"***

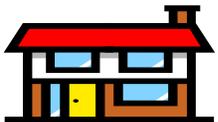
# What is Neighborhood Watch?

## ***A Community Action and Problem Solving Program***

The Neighborhood Watch Community Action and Problem-Solving Program is one of the most effective means available for resolving issues within your community. Through organized problem-solving activities, your block can remove crime from your neighborhood and address any community issue that concerns residents.

The Neighborhood Watch program relies on the best method there is – a good neighbor. Fortunately, good neighbors are found everywhere. Neighborhood Watch is not guard-duty. The focus is on community issues, forming community action groups, getting to resolutions, which involves being aware of suspicious activity and knowing what to do about it. In other words it is securing your property and developing a neighborhood communication network.

Neighborhood Watch is a law enforcement/community partnership and an educational process by which neighbors can learn to resolve neighborhood issues.



# How to start a Neighborhood Watch Group

## ***It's easy!***

First, select the area to be covered by your Neighborhood Watch block. A block consists of 12-20 homes that surround you. Personally contact and talk with as many block participants as possible. Share the above information about the Neighborhood Watch Program and ask neighbors to participate. Select an evening during the week that is convenient to participating neighbors.

Next, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (530) 749-7777 to schedule the meeting (a minimum of two weeks advance notice is needed).

## ***A positive first step towards a safer community!***

All a Community  
All a Community  
Needs is YOU!

## ***What You Do***

Arrange an informal meeting or discussion with several neighbors who are concerned about crime and are willing to assist in setting up the Neighborhood Watch program.

Discuss the need for a Neighborhood Watch program, the expected results, problem areas, and obtain definite commitments of the planning committee to continue service.

Choose a meeting site. It is important to hold the meeting in the home of a neighbor to encourage an informal atmosphere. If this is not possible consider the following possibilities:

- ♦ Neighborhood School
- ♦ Church
- ♦ Community Center
- ♦ Library meeting room

## ***What We Do***

Prepare a meeting agenda and discuss the following:

- ♦ Purpose of Neighborhood Watch
- ♦ What it is and what it is not
- ♦ Define law enforcement's role
- ♦ Discuss specific crime problems in your neighborhood

