



HOME SECURITY

PROPERTY MARKING

Police encourage owners to mark their valuable property and record all details of the items. Identifiable property is more difficult for thieves to dispose of, and if caught in possession of the stolen item the marking enables police to quickly establish the owners' details.

The most effective way to mark your property is by engraving, but ultra violet pen or other permanent marker can work where engraving is not suitable.

Engraving/Ultra-violet Pen

- Mark your valuables with your driver's licence or Proof of Age Card number preceded by the letter 'S' for South Australia e.g. 'B23456' would be 'SB23456'.
- If your property is stolen, the chances of items being returned to you by the police are increased. Ensure address details on your driver's licence or proof of age card are current.
- Mark each item in a similar area e.g. power cord entry, adjacent to serial number.
- Some items are not suitable for engraving or marking. These include jewellery, special collections, silverware, stamps or coins, paintings and antiques. These items should be photographed.
- Use a good quality camera or digital camera and use full frame views, with a general photograph from two sides, place a ruler beside the item to give an indication of actual size.
- For jewellery, place the item on a strongly coloured background (e.g. red or dark blue).
- Take a close up photograph, if possible, to identify unique features or serial numbers of the items.
- Try to photograph items of value in your home or business "in situ" to show where they belong.
- For objects with a flat side, try to take the picture on a slight angle to avoid the flash reflecting back and creating a 'hot-shot' (reflection) in the picture.
- Store the photographs with your other valuable documents.

If you have any questions please contact your nearest police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au



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