



## BUSINESS SECURITY

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### PROPERTY MARKING FOR TRADIES

**Building sites and trade vehicles can be a target for the theft of tools and equipment.**

Police encourage tradies to mark their tools and equipment and record details of these items. Property that can be identified is more difficult for thieves to dispose of and enables police to establish the owner if the property is located.

**Engraving or ultraviolet (UV) pen is an effective way to mark your property:**

- Mark your tools and equipment with your driver's licence number prefixed by the letter 'S' for South Australia, e.g. 'S123456'.
- Mark each item in a similar area, e.g. power cord entry or adjacent to the serial number.
- Record details of your property (i.e. make, model and serial number) and keep this information with other valuable documents.
- Ensure your address details on your driver's licence or proof of age card are current.

**Some items may not be suitable for marking and these should be photographed. Please consider the following tips:**

- Use a good quality 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.
- Take a close up photograph, if possible, to identify unique features or serial numbers of the items.
- Try to photograph items 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 other valuable documents.

For more crime prevention tips please visit [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au) or contact your local police station.

