What is Operation Identification?

Operation ID is a program designed to discourage theft of valuables from your residence hall. It also provides a way for you to easily identify stolen property.

The program involves marking and inventorying your property. Marking property denies a thief a market for stolen items. Property marked with your driver’s license number will not be readily resalable. Operation I.D. works even when the property is stolen by helping the police contact you when property is recovered so that you can identify the property and have it returned.

What Number Do I Use?

The most effective number to use is your state driver’s license number. Police agencies across the country have access to this number through state motor vehicle records. Precede the number with the state from which the license was issued. For example, VA for a license issued in Virginia. If you wish, you may use any self-applied number, as long as you record the number on this form.
What To Mark and How –

**For Hard Objects** such as laptops, televisions, stereos, cameras, iPods, etc., use an engraving tool (available for sign out at the police department) to mark your identification number on a conspicuous, permanent part of the item.

**For Items Which Cannot Be Marked** such as jewelry, musical instruments, antiques, etc, place the item against a plain background and take several color photographs from different angles. Include a ruler in the picture for a scale. Label sides and keep with this form.

**For Soft or Porous Objects** such as leather, fiberboard or cloth, use a contrasting permanent marker. Note: some fiberboard may be hard enough to take the engraving.

Make sure all identifying marks and numbers are included on this form.

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**Property Identification List**

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<th>Article Make, Model, Size</th>
<th>Color</th>
<th>Serial Number</th>
<th>Identification #</th>
<th>Purchase Date/Price</th>
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Keep this document in a safe place.