

Operation I.D.

Operation I.D. is one of a series of programs coordinated by the New York State Office of Crime Prevention. This statewide effort is designed to discourage burglary and theft from homes and businesses by engraving property with an easily traced identification number.

In order to protect valuables with Operation I.D. you must obtain an identification number. This special two-part number is available through the University Police Department. One part of the number identifies the police department while the other part identifies the property owner.

When you receive your number, you will be loaned an electric engraver for marking valuables, a property record for listing the valuables marked, and warning decals to be placed at the entrances of homes and business after valuables are engraved.

Whether property is lost or stolen, in New York or anywhere in the United States, the Operation I.D. number clearly identifies the owner of the property and helps in returning it to the owner once it has been recovered.

Operation I.D. works because it takes the profit out of crime and increases the criminal's risk of being caught with property that has been engraved with the Operation I.D. number. Most burglars sell their stolen goods to a fence or other illegal agent. If the criminal knows that the valuables in homes are marked with the Operation I.D. number, chances are he or she will move on to an easier victim.

— Practice using the engraving tool before marking your property.

- Be sure to engrave the entire Operation I.D. number.
- Identify your property as conspicuously as possible without defacing it. (On some valuables, it's wise to engrave a second number in an inconspicuous spot for added security.)
- When engraving, hold the tool straight up and down, not at a slant.
- The engraving tool has a depth adjuster. To adjust the knob for hard surfaces such as metal, adjust the knob to the loudest position.
- Make a record of the property you mark, and keep it in a safe place.
- Don't put decals on your doors or windows unless you have engraved your valuables.

Bicycles

Do You Know...

Bicycle thefts are a problem for the police and insurance companies—as well as for those whose bicycles are stolen.

- Multi-speed bicycles are the primary targets.
- Ninety-five percent of stolen bicycles are not registered.
- Proper registration and I.D. engraving of a bicycle greatly improves the chances for its recovery and return if stolen.
- Cable locks and ordinary chains and locks, although deterrents, are ineffective against the professional bicycle thief. Purchase a heavy duty anti-theft lock available at hardware stores.
- The bargain-purchased bike may be stolen property. Buy only from reputable dealers or from someone you know personally.

Stop Thefts...

Register your bicycle with the University Police Department and get an I.D. number and engraver.

Register your bicycle immediately upon your arrival at the college. Registration is permanent as long as you own your bike. Remind the new owner to re-register for use on campus.

Always lock your bicycle, preferably with a case-hardened steel chain and lock. Bicycles protected in this manner are seldom stolen.

Bicycles Stolen?

Report the theft immediately to the University Police Department, 386-7777.

Give the University Police officer a complete description of the bicycle: make, model, color, speed, serial number, location of the serial number, any additional markings, and the estimated present value.

Check your (or your parents') homeowner's insurance policy. It may cover thefts.

University Police Department Can...

- Register and/or engrave your bicycle free of charge.
- Make official theft reports.
- Check theft reports against recovery reports.
- Transmit theft reports to area police agencies.
- Notify owners when recoveries are made.
- Initiate prosecution against bicycle thieves.
- Attempt to prevent bicycle theft by reporting persons loitering in areas where bicycles are parked. Persons in those areas who are

observed with cutting tools and who do not give a satisfactory account of their presence may be arrested and prosecuted.

Some tips on Parking and Riding

Bicycles may be locked in bicycle racks provided in strategic locations. If the bicycle rack is full, lock the bicycle to a nearby permanent installation such as a tree or lamp post. This procedure allows the University Police to protect your bicycle more efficiently.

When locking your bicycle, run the chain or cable through both wheels, as well as around the basic frame of the bicycle, if possible. If the lock set cannot encompass both wheels, see whether it's practical to remove the front wheel and lock it in with the bicycle frame.

Bicyclists must observe the same rules of the road as automobile drivers. The rules are covered under the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, Article 34.

The University Police care about your bicycle. Do YOU? Register it with the University Police Department and follow the recommendations in this brochure.



University Police Department
34 Cornell Drive
Canton, New York 13617
315-386-7777

Emergency Numbers

University Police.....	386-7777
Health Center.....	386-7333
FIRE and RESCUE	386-4544
Canton Village Police	386-4561
Sheriff's Office.....	379-2222

On campus phones, just dial the last four digits.

The University Police Department also lends out jumper cables and a gas can when needed. College I.D. remains in the office until cables or gas can is returned.

Personal Safety Tips

1. NEVER leave your room unlocked, even for a few minutes.
2. Do not give out your room combination to anyone.
3. Mark all property items with an electric engraver through Operation I.D., offered by SUNY Canton Police University Department.
4. During late night-early morning hours, walk only on well lit paths, and try to avoid walking alone.
5. Report anything suspicious to the University Police. They need your help to function at an effective level. When reporting suspicious activity, give location, what you observed happening, type of vehicle (if any), license plate number, number and description of individuals.
6. When you need assistance, call the University Police Department.
7. Become familiar with the emergency blue light telephones located throughout the campus.

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To Serve and Protect

