

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE FOR... **PROPERTY MARKING**



Marking your property is a positive way to fight crime, it can act as a deterrent, it allows you to prove ownership and helps you to identify your property easily if it is offered for sale. Marking your property also provides a means for the police to identify stolen goods and return them to their owners.

There are a number of ways to mark your property

Visible markers

- Permanent marker pens.
- Waterproof paint.
- Stencils.
- Engraving.
- Specialised overt marking kits available on the market.

Invisible marker

- UV Pens.
- Specialised forensic kits such as SmartWater.

What to mark your property with

You can put any kind of mark on your property to distinguish it from other similar items. This could be your postcode pre-fixed with the number of your address eg 63 WR6 2BB.

A post code is unique to your property, which most organisations recognise and allows the goods to be identified and returned to you. Just putting a name or symbol on the property makes it identifiable, but does not provide details to the police of who owns the property and where it came from.

It is strongly recommended that you take a photo of all your valuables and make a note of any distinguishing marks, including where and how you have property marked it. You can then print the photographs off and keep in a safe place, load onto your computer or keep on a memory stick. By having these records if your property is stolen you will have as much information as possible to give to the police and also pass to retailers and other organisations to help locate your property.

In an emergency please call 999, otherwise please call 101 (the national police non-emergency number).



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