

## OPERATION ID

Many things can happen to your home during your lifetime, fire, burglary, moving, expanding your family, etc. In order to best protect yourself and your belongings, we recommend the following:

Obtain and keep current homeowner's/renter's insurance. For a few hundred dollars a year, your home and belongings can be insured.

Apply an Owner Applied Number(OAN) to all your valuables, excluding jewelry. We recommend the state and your driver's license number. You can apply this number preferably with an engraver or with indelible ink. Example PA12345678. Some other ideas are your last name and telephone number.

Download the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Operation ID form [HERE](#).

On this form, record the make, model serial number and/or OAN, the date of purchase and the price. Once completed, make several copies. 1 copy should be kept in your home for easy reference. Another should be filed with your insurance company and a third should be kept in a safe deposit box or with a trusted friend/relative outside the home.

By continually updating this list, you can guarantee that in the event of a burglary or major disaster, you will have the information you need to file your insurance claim, police report or both.

If you have children, you can get started by printing out a form for each child. Have a competition to see how many blocks they can fill out and the winner receives some sort of reward. Not only will you get the information you need, but you can get your family involved as well.

Finally, there is a saying that a picture is worth a thousand words. Especially in the case of jewelry or other items that applying an OAN would devalue, a picture of the item on a plain white piece of

paper with the date purchased, the purchase price, and a brief description of the item can be the difference between recovering the stolen item or losing it forever.

Additionally, photos of the items along with the Operation ID information help us prove ownership and enter the items into NCIC if stolen. This helps us to investigate and recover your property.