

# **Increase the chances of having your Household items returned if they are stolen by security marking them**



## **How to mark your property using a 'UV' pen.**

Using a ultraviolet pen ( available from one of our volunteers) you can now mark most of your items so that if you become a victim of a burglary and your property is recovered by the police you can get it back.

Ensure the surface you are marking is clear from dust and dirt, this stops the pen becoming dirty and ensures the surface of the item you are marking is clearly marked.

The liquid in the pen dries to a virtually clear finish but is visible under an ultraviolet lamp. Before you mark each item apply a test spot with the pen to make sure it isn't going to damage the item you are marking. With larger items such as televisions, DVD players, computers, games consoles, laptops and audio systems try and mark the item twice so that there is a greater chance of your details being found.

Mark your items with your full post code and the number of your home include any number extensions (i.e. 11A or Flat 3) when you are marking your items.

Keep the pen handy in a draw you access on a regular basis this will remind you to mark items that are new purchases.

Remark items every 18 months especially items that are dusted and cleaned often and those that are exposed to direct sunlight.

Venture into the garden shed or garage and mark garden tools and lawnmowers, BBQ's and bikes. If you value it make sure you mark it.



**Now that you have post coded all your items keep a record of which items you have security marked.**

Description of item	Where is it marked	Serial number	Value



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