



CODED FOR KEEPS

Do you own things of sentimental value which would be impossible to replace? Or things which could be replaced but at a cost?

Your possessions may mean a lot to you but to a thief they are just another way of making cash.

Of course the best thing to do is to protect your home against the thief. But if someone did break in and steal things, could you describe them fully and accurately to the police?

It is not as easy as it sounds when all you have to rely on is memory.

Every year, property worth hundreds of thousands of pounds is recovered and not returned to its rightful owners, simply because it can't be properly identified.

Property marking deters thieves. They find identifiable property dangerous to handle and difficult to dispose of.

This list of Household Items, which is not definitive, may be marked with a UV Pen.

The recommendation is that each article is marked twice with your NIE Number. **Once** near the Model Serial Plate, but not on it, and **Second**, underneath or in the battery compartment (if there is one).

Always keep a record of where you have marked the article plus photographs, also consider photographing expensive pieces of jewellery that it may not be possible to mark.

Television, DVD, VCR

Laptop, PC Screen, Processor, External Drive Storage, External Burn Drive

Camera, Video Camera

Hi- Fi Amp, Speakers,

Bicycles, Garden Power Tools – away from hand contact

Drill – behind chuck, Grinder – central column, Band saw – base foot

Vases – On base

Pictures/Limited Edition Prints – rear, but not frame.

Binoculars' – on left housing, Telescopes – on housing

It is also recommended that you keep a full record of articles.

Item, Serial Number, Description (Including size & colour), Purchase Price Value, Where Marked

Also include Insurance details, Telephone Number, Your contact details.

If going away ensure a friend has a copy of your list of valuables which may be passed to the Police if necessary.

To obtain the return of stolen goods you must have filed a 'denuncia' with local police when the crime took place. Police will not return your item unless you have filed a proper police report previously. It's a good idea to photograph your valuables and keep the photos in a safe place along with the receipts for these items. That way, if you ever do get robbed, you stand a better chance of getting your items back should the police find them.

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