



MARKING TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

Theft can be very costly. Marking tools & equipment protects your bottom line. Here are some tips on how to inventory and mark your tools and equipment.

Why Mark Tools?

Marked tools are less likely to be stolen because they are more difficult for a thief to sell. When law enforcement officials recover tools that are well marked, a quick return to the owner is possible.

Where should Tools be marked?

Tools should be marked in one or two obvious places with an owner applied number. Large tools and equipment should also be marked in a less obvious spot.

What Are Owner Applied Numbers?

Owner applied numbers or markings of your choice. They could include:

- Your State Contractor's License # (include the state)
- Drivers License # of a company principle or tool owner (include state)
- Company name and telephone number (include area code)
- A numbering system that is **unique** your company

Painting tools a specific color ONLY helps identify your tool on the jobsite. Police have no way of connecting a colored tool to a contractor.

What Decals Should Be Placed on Tools and Equipment?

CICP recommends placing a CICP Reward decal on your tools and equipment in addition to your own company marking. The reward decal increases your chances of recovery. The 800 number on the reward decals provide an opportunity for the public and law enforcement to verify ownership of equipment for CICP members, and/or that it belongs at that location.

What Does Law Enforcement Need to Recover Tools and Equipment?

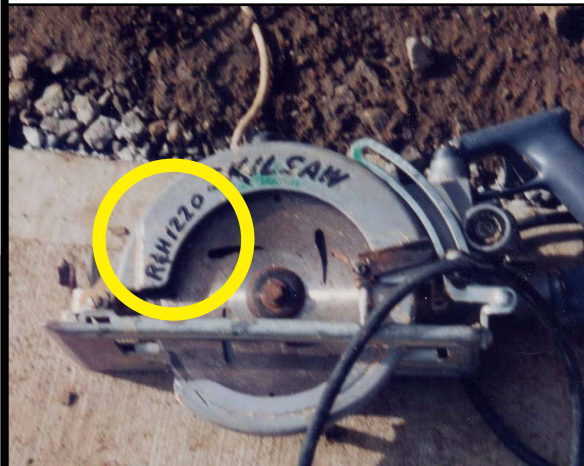
A theft report filed promptly with inventory of stolen tools, including description, serial number, personal identification number (PIN) and any other owner applied numbers. Report thefts promptly. Give law enforcement the tools they need to get your items back to you. *Law enforcement cannot recover items that are not reported stolen.*

"Recovery of stolen property starts with having solid information about what was stolen, particularly if there are known serial numbers. This is the basis for greatly increasing law enforcement's ability to recover the property and prosecute the thief."

Sgt Troy Pahlke
Portland Police
Bureau

"Marking our tools has been beneficial to us. We have very few tools stolen, but when they have been stolen, police were able to return our recovered tools because they were clearly marked."

Bert Cavett
R&H Construction



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of theft or vandalism of tools, equipment, materials or property.
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