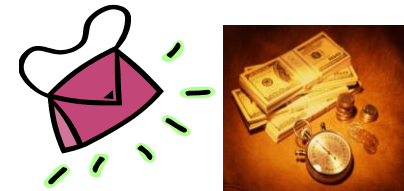


## 6 POINTS TO REMEMBER

You can help us better protect you and your property if you follow these six suggestions:

1. Register your valuables with Public Safety by going to the website [www.etsu.edu/dps](http://www.etsu.edu/dps) and clicking on the Operation ID link. The information listed is valuable in tracing lost or stolen articles. Without identification, property cannot be traced and returned to you or may be returned to the thief on demand.
2. Do keep your doors closed and your property stored as securely as possible. Articles that are plainly visible or lying unattended are an open invitation to thieves.
3. Do keep a light on in your residence at night! Darkness invites crime. Light discourages crime.
4. Do not leave your residence open or unlocked.
5. Do promptly report any loss, theft or damage of your property to your University Police Department.
6. Do promptly notify the University Police Department of any unusual or suspicious person, vehicle or activity in your area



### CRIME PREVENTION

Crime prevention has been defined as the anticipation, the recognition and the appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it.

**ETSU POLICE  
EMERGENCY  
(24 Hours)  
911**

**POLICE DISPATCH  
(24Hours)  
(423) 439-4480**

[www.etsu.edu/dps](http://www.etsu.edu/dps)

email: [bucprevention@etsu.edu](mailto:bucprevention@etsu.edu)

Operation Identification is a national crime prevention project designed to protect your valuables from theft. Students, faculty, and staff of East Tennessee State University are often victims of property crimes. Less than 30 percent of the property taken in thefts is recovered. Most of that property cannot be returned to the rightful owner as it is unidentifiable as belonging to the victim. This means much of the recovered property is donated, destroyed, or shockingly, returned to the thief upon demand when the actual ownership cannot be established. As a result, the efforts of the police are neutralized, and the thief profits from the crime with less risk of apprehension.

Your University Police Department is taking positive actions to minimize the risk of theft and to help ensure the return of stolen property should a theft occur. This positive action is Operation Identification. This program has proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, to be a definite deterrent to the potential burglar or thief by assuring him/her the property he/she steals can be identified by the police.

Just a few minutes of your time will help you from becoming a victim of theft and will greatly aid in the return of your item should it become lost or stolen.

