

## Purpose of Tack Marking

The #1 priority of tack marking is crime prevention.

The #2 priority of tack marking is identification for the purpose of returning recovered stolen items to the rightful owner.

## What Items Can Be Marked For Identification?

All leather horse tack such as: saddles, bridles, halters, breast collars, martingales, saddle bags, and rifle scabbards.

## What Materials Are Needed to Mark Tack?

1. Set of ¼ inch dies consisting of all capital letters of the alphabet and all 10 numbers (0 to 9) - the 6 gets to be the 9 as well.
2. Hammer
3. Bucket of water
4. Cloth for soaking the leather
5. Also handy to have:
  - a. A Black and Decker workmate
  - b. A 4' X 8' sheet of plywood to set workmate on.
  - c. A block of wood 2" X 4" X approx. 8".
  - d. A sheet of paper to record-name of owner
  - e. driver's licence of owner
  - f. items being marked
6. Sheet of paper to lay out required dies. BC or AB and all of the numbers.

It is very nice to have two people working together.

## Suggested Areas to Stamp D.L. #

**Saddle** - invert saddle onto workbench. Under saddle horn at the fork (gullet).



Or on the edge of the skirt on the off side of the saddle.



One person holds saddle with skirt edge on wood block for solid backing.

**Bridle or show halter** - stamp D.L. # into smooth leather where bridle crosses the horse's poll.



**Breast plate or martingale** - any location that has smooth leather



## Process of Marking Tack

- Record name and driver's licence # of owner of item being marked.
- Determine location on item to mark the driver's licence info.
- Set out the needed dies
- Use a wet cloth to dampen the selected location for about a minute.
- Judge the space needed to fit the correct amount of characters.
- Begin with letters representing the province-BC, AB, SK then determine the number of digits for the number. BC uses seven; AB uses nine.



## What identification number Would you use?

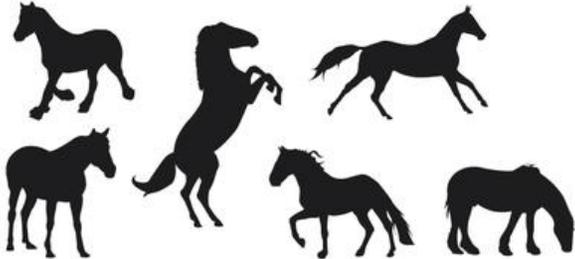
### Use your provincial drivers licence number

Like your S.I.N., the D.L. is unique to you. Obtaining your S.I.N. verification from the government in Ottawa is exceedingly difficult and lengthy. Your D.L. can be obtained easily by any police officer by making a single query that police can readily access.

Without marking for identification, a great deal of investigation time may be required to determine ownership.

Marked tack, when seen or felt by a potential thief could help prevent theft.

### CRIME PREVENTION IN ACTION



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