

Marking your Tack & Equipment

By marking your tack & equipment you are identifying it as your property, it helps deter thieves from stealing it as it is security marked and therefore harder to sell on and it provides the Police with a means to return it to you if stolen. Post coding your property is the simplest and most effective type of identification; include the first two letters or numbers of your address if possible.

There are a number of ways to mark your tack & equipment:

- Leather stamping
- Engraving on metal stirrup bar
- Micro chipping
- Forensic marking
- Permanent marker pen
- Paint (two part epoxy)
- Labels
- Embroidery
- Self adhesive stickers



You can either do it yourself, ask your local saddler or contact Warwickshire Horse Watch. It is important to mark your property in the following places so the Police know where to look when checking stolen goods:

Saddles:



leather stamping – under the saddle flap
synthetic – engrave the stirrup bar or use a specialised marker
forensic – on the stitching under stirrup bar flap

Bridles:

leather stamping – under head piece
forensic – on stitching

Rugs: permanent pen, paint, embroidery, transfers - bottom rear corner or shoulder
(see crime prevention sheet on rugs).

Horse Boxes & Trailers:

paint – roof & battery, self adhesive stickers – roof and side, forensic marking on all areas.

Keep a record of all your property – take a photograph, including any differentiating marks and write down serial numbers and any security marking you have done. A 'Record Form' to record details of your horse & all your equipment can be downloaded from the website www.warwickshirehorsewatch.co.uk (down loads page).

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