Laptop Tagging and Registration

Q: Where and when can I have equipment tagged?
A: STOP tagging is currently not being performed by as the IS&T Service Desk walk-in IT help desk is not currently staffed.

Q: Is there a fee to have equipment tagged?
A: No, there is no fee per item tagged.

Q: What devices can I have tagged?
A: The tags are primarily intended for laptop computers, and large tablets (e.g. iPads). It may be possible to tag other devices (e.g. projectors), but the device must have a flat surface of at least 3"x 3" in order to affix the tag. We generally cannot tag iPhones, digital cameras, etc.

Q: What information do I provide at the registration?
A: We will record the serial number for the device, and contact information to reach you when a stolen device is recovered.

Q: What happens if I want to sell or transfer ownership of the computer?
A: Registration information can be updated or transferred to a new owner by contacting the central registration organization at
Q: Does this registration provide any geo-tracking? Does the tag have a GPS chip?

A: No, the label provides a deterrent to thieves by identifying the device with an indelible mark, but it does not provide location tracking.

Q: Can I register a device for someone else?

A: Yes. As long as you can provide accurate contact information for the owner, anyone can register a device.

Q: Have devices been successfully recovered?

A: Yes. You can find additional information at the Security Tracking of Office Property (STOP) of Norwalk, CT website.

Q: Who administers the program?

A: IS&T and Security Tracking of Office Property (STOP) of Norwalk, CT.

Q: How do I determine the serial number of a computer using the OS?

A:

**Windows**

Open a command prompt (by choosing the Command Prompt item from the Start menu, or typing cmd in the Start menu's "Run" box), and type the following:

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wmic bios get serialnumber
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**Note:** Windows 10 users may get to the Command Prompt by right clicking on Start button, or by typing "cmd" on Start screen to search it.

**Mac OS X**

Open the Terminal application and type:

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ioreg -l | grep IOPlatformSerialNumber
```

**Linux**

Open a shell and type:

```
sudo dmidecode -t system | grep Serial
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**Note:** The user will need to have root access to the system.

See Also

- Theft Deterrents
- Internal page for IS&T Staff: [hd:Organizing Laptop Tagging and Registration]