

ATADA Policy on Stolen Objects

The ATADA Theft Alert posting service is offered free of charge to any individual, business, tribe, museum, or government agency. In order to accept material for posting on the ATADA Theft Alert Page, the stolen property must be American Indian or Tribal Art.

The ATADA Theft Alert Page is not a substitute for reporting losses to your local authorities and your insurance company. However, for an example of how a posting on the ATADA Theft Alert Page can help recover stolen art, see this [NY Times article on theft alert](#).

Remember – it is impossible to photograph objects after a theft occurs. Be sure that you save high-quality digital images and an inventory promptly after each purchase. We recommend that you maintain a promptly-updated database of your collection or gallery inventory.

What to do in the event of a theft:

FIRST STEPS TO TAKE:

1. When there is a loss, make a police report locally, not on the Internet.
2. Report your loss to your insurance company.
3. Share this information by email, fax, or snail mail with others who can use this information.

AFTER COMPLETING THE ABOVE...

Send the following information to director@atada.org.
Be sure to put "ATTN: Theft Alert" in the subject line.

1. a police report number, and the name, email address, address and phone number of a police officer to contact with information
2. the name, address and phone number of the person making the report (we will post this information)
3. .jpeg images and a detailed description of stolen objects including dimensions.
NOTE: ATADA will verify the accuracy of material received by contacting both the person making the report and the police officer named on the report before posting any information.

We will respond to your notice as soon as possible; however, please be aware that it may take up to 48 hours for your item to be posted.

We request prompt notification when the material is recovered.

You may also wish to consider posting your loss on an international stolen art register such as www.artloss.com or www.stolenart.be