



**Erin Gordon of datadot Home and Business, and Anthony Morgan of the Office of Crime Prevention. Picture: Lindsay Musckett** d248723

## Beat the burglars with identification

SHOPPERS at Whitfords were shown how to beat burglars in a day-long police display.

The WA Police, Office of Crime Prevention, Neighbourhood Watch, datadot Home and Business and CrimeGuard held their Property Marking Day display in Westfield Whitfords Shopping Centre and three other

suburban venues as an event of Community Safety Month.

People were shown how to mark their belongings so they could be identified if stolen.

They were told TV sets, DVD players and stereos could be marked by engraving their driving licence details into the casing.

Photos or video footage could be taken

of jewellery, and bigger items like tools could be given a mark that could be linked to the owner.

Police will lend engravers and recommend identification products.

"Thieves do not want something that identifies what they have stolen," a police spokesman said.

**John Murphy**