



Hawthorne Police Department

Community Affairs Bureau



Protect Your Catalytic Converter

Catalytic converter thefts have skyrocketed nationwide in the last year. They are most commonly stolen for the precious metals that are contained inside. Here are a few tips to keep your vehicle a little safer from catalytic converter theft.



The best way to protect your catalytic converter is to park in a garage or secured parking area. If neither is available, park in your driveway or in front of your house or apartment.

If you can't park in a secured area or in your driveway, try to park in a well-lit area. The more lighting there is, less likely a thief will try to steal your catalytic converter.



Vehicles with high ground clearance are preferred targets because it's easy to get under them. Newer cars and hybrid vehicles are sought after because the catalytic converter tends to be in better shape.

Car alarms with vibration sensors and catalytic converter anti-theft devices are a good defense against theft. There are many options that can be found on the internet and some do not require professional installation.



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