

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF

PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY



CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT IS ON THE RISE

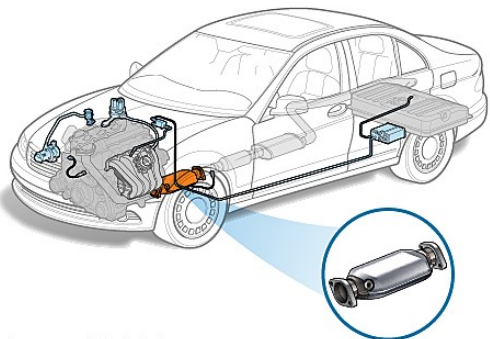


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Many **lower emission vehicles/hybrid vehicles** are **primarily being targeted** because their catalytic converter contains higher amounts of precious metals and are used less frequently.

By clearly **marking your catalytic converter** you will be deterring the theft from happening in the first place.

Be proactive against catalytic converter theft:

- Pick up or purchase commercially produced **marker kits (CATGUARD)**
- **Engrave a number**, such as license plate number or the VIN (vehicle identification number).
- Make your catalytic converter stand out by **spray painting it** with high-temperature (1,300 to 2,000 OF), automotive exhaust spray paint in a bright color, and spray a generous amount onto the converter.

Other ways to protect your car from this vehicle crime:

- Park in a garage or secured parking area.
- Install a bright motion sensor light to discourage potential thieves.
- Install an anti-theft device.
- Always lock vehicle and set the alarm.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

If you see a **vehicle jacked up** and someone lying under it or hear the sound of **metal being cut**:

- **DO NOT APPROACH**
- **Call 911 Immediately**
- If on campus, contact **Public Safety & Security**
 - Coon Rapids: 763-433-1330
 - Cambridge: 763-433-1840



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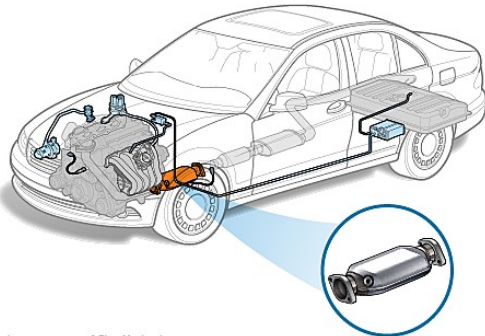


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