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Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Tips

** Public Service Announcement **

The Greater Los Angeles Area has been experiencing thefts of catalytic converters (devices underneath the car made of precious metals, that requires your car to run properly & reduce emissions). It can cost up to \$2,000 to replace your catalytic converter if stolen, and it is illegal to drive without one.



Symptoms of Catalytic Converter theft:

Loud rumbling/roaring as soon as the engine is turned on.

Gaping space underneath the car towards the back in the middle of the exhaust.

Likely signs that piping was cut/sawed away.

How to prevent Converter theft:

Park in well-lit areas and personal garages when possible.

Park close to building entrances or nearest access road when in a public lot.

Security devices are available that attach to the converter making it harder to steal.

Having the converter welded to the car frame makes it harder to remove as well.

If you have a security system, calibrate it so vibration sets it off, so the alarm activates if a thief tries to saw off the converter.

Video surveillance around your garage/driveway is useful if possible.

Engraving the VIN number onto the converter may make it easier to identify if it does get stolen and not immediately melted down.

Remember...

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!