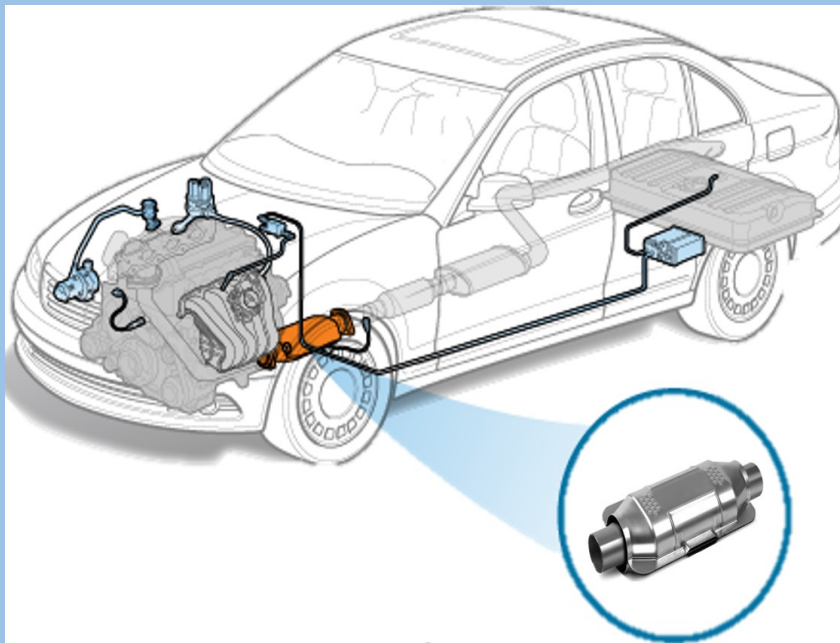


CRIME ALERT



CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT

Catalytic converters are part of a vehicle's exhaust system designed to prevent harmful pollutants from entering the atmosphere. Catalytic converters contain precious metals that are valuable to metal dealers. Thieves can steal these car parts in less than 2 minutes and can be paid hundreds of dollars at scrap yards for these materials.



PREVENTION METHODS

- Park in well-lit, high traffic areas when possible.
- Have a mechanic weld the catalytic converter to your car's frame.
- Consider having the VIN number engraved on the catalytic converter for identification and to alert scrap yards.
- Upgrade the vehicle alarm with tilt and shock sensors to detect movement.

BE ALERT TO INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED CRAWLING UNDERNEATH VEHICLES. REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY BY CALLING 9-1-1. ANONYMOUS TIPS CAN BE REPORTED AT 215-686-TIPS (8477) OR EMAIL TIPS@PHILLYPOLICE.COM

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