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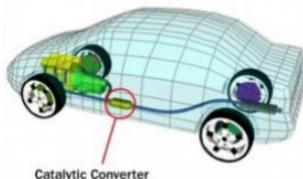
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WARNING!

A catalytic converter is located underneath your car and is attached to your exhaust system. Since catalytic converters contain expensive metals like platinum, palladium and rhodium, they are often stolen and “scrapped” for a quick profit. Thieves often use power saws in the middle of the night to quickly cut the converters off. The City of Sebastopol and other parts of Sonoma County have recently seen an increase in the number of catalytic converter thefts. If you have a Toyota Prius, you’re most at risk.



Below are some prevention tips that can help reduce your risk.

- Parking in your enclosed garage is always best.
- If parked outside, park in front of high-resolution security cameras and motion lights.
- Install a catalytic converter protection device (usually around \$500).
- Etch your converter with your vehicle’s license plate number in several different locations.
- If your converter is stolen, file a police report immediately after the theft is discovered.
- Spread community awareness. Thieves sometimes strike repeatedly in the same neighborhoods so it’s good for the neighbors to be aware.

If you see or hear anything suspicious, call us immediately at (707) 829-4400.