



# Catalytic Converters

## Thefts of catalytic converters.

The police are actively investigating these crimes. However, here are some things you could do to reduce the chances of your vehicle being targeted:

### Advice for vehicle owners

- Where possible, park in your garage
- Alternatively, park in a location that restricts access underneath your vehicle
- Consider security lighting
- If your catalytic converter is 'bolt on,' you can have the bolts welded shut
- Consider the installation of CCTV to protect your vehicle
- Identify/etch your converter with a unique serial number and advertise that the vehicle has been protected (window stickers)

### Advice for businesses

- Fencing around vehicles may act as a deterrent to opportunist catalytic converter thieves
- If you have a fleet of vehicles, block those with high clearance using vehicles with low clearance. Obstruct access underneath the vehicles
- Consider the installation of security lighting.
- Consider installing appropriate CCTV to protect your vehicle fleet
- If your vehicles have 'bolt on' catalytic converters, you can have the bolts welded shut
- Identify/etch your converters with a unique serial number and advertise that the vehicle has been protected (window stickers) <http://www.retainagroup.com/>
- Identify your catalytic converters with forensic etching visit: [www.smartwater.com/catconverter](http://www.smartwater.com/catconverter)

If you see any suspicious behaviour in progress call the police on 999. If you have any further information please call the police non emergency number on 101, or Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. For further advice or information, please call your local neighbourhood team on 101 or visit [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crprev](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crprev)

