

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT

Prevention Strategies and Resources



REPORT A THEFT



Call **911** when a crime is in progress or you need an immediate officer response.



Call **651-291-1111** to request an SPPD response in a non-emergency situation.



File an **online police report** by scanning the **QR code** or visiting **stpaul.gov/police**.

WHY DO THIEVES WANT YOUR CATALYTIC CONVERTER?

Catalytic converters contain platinum, rhodium, and palladium. The metals are expensive and thieves sell the converters to scrap yards for \$150 to \$200 per item, depending on the size of the converter and the current rate on the metals inside it. The repair costs can be significant.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOURS HAS BEEN STOLEN?

You will know when you start your car. You will notice a loud roaring or rumbling sound when you turn on your car. It will get louder when you hit the gas, and the engine will run rougher than usual.

WHO ARE LIKELY TARGETS AND WHERE?

Trucks and SUVs are more likely to be a target because they sit higher off the ground. Large parking lots like stores, malls, and transit parking lots are common locations – but it can happen anywhere.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREVENT CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT?

- Parking in well-lit areas.
- Pay attention in parking lots for suspicious behavior.
- Park in your garage.
- Consider having the converter welded to the frame.
- Consider a converter security device.

RESOURCES

Contact our Crime Prevention Specialist Patty Lammers at **651-266-5455** to request a catalytic converter guard kit.

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SOMEONE
STEALING
A CATALYTIC
CONVERTER