

Catalytic converters

Most vehicles made since 1992 are fitted with catalytic converters which often contain small amounts of precious metals, making them a target for metal thieves.

They are also valuable to scrap metal dealers who can easily sell them.

Thieves will often target vans and 4x4's that have a higher ground clearance, making the converters more easily accessible.

The chances of getting your converter stolen can be reduced if you follow one or more of these crime prevention tips

-  Keep your vehicle in a garage when possible.
-  Park in a well lit, busy area.
-  Look out for people working under cars who are acting suspiciously.
-  Fit a catalytic converter clamp or security cage.
-  Security mark and register the metal shell of the converter so if it is stolen and recovered, it will be easier to trace it back to your vehicle.
-  Weld the converter fixing brackets or bolts in place making removal more difficult.



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Contact:

101 in a non emergency, **999** in an emergency or
Gloucestershire Crimestoppers on **0800 555111**
to provide information anonymously.