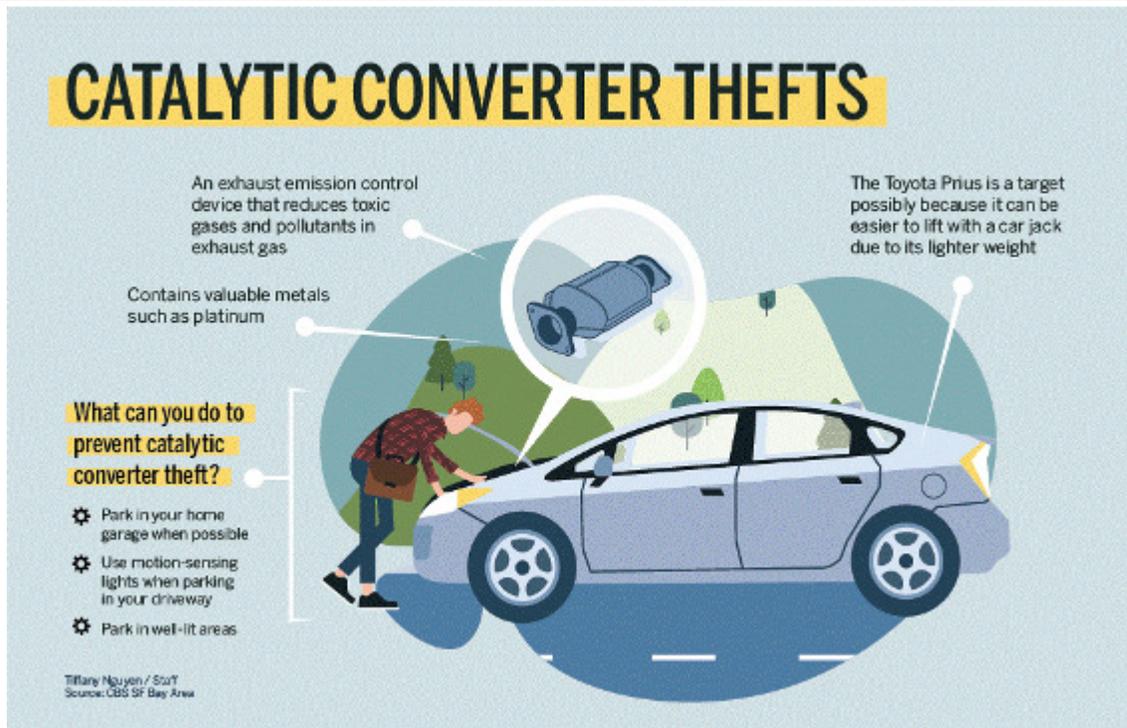


# CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT ON THE RISE: HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF



Since the start of the pandemic, California saw a dramatic increase in catalytic converter theft. Thieves seem to prefer the following vehicles over others:

- Toyota Prius
- Honda Element
- Honda Accord
- Ford Econoline
- Honda CRV
- Ford F-250
- Toyota Tundra
- Toyota Sequoia
- Ford Excursion
- Toyota Tacoma

This opportunistic crime has escalated because of the increased value of precious metals contained within the catalytic converters.

Protect your vehicle by following these tips:

- Get a catalytic converter anti-theft device. These are available from several manufacturers.
- Park vehicles in a secure location like a garage or enclosed lot that is well lit and alarmed.
- If your vehicle is parked in the driveway, consider installing motion-detecting lights and cameras. This will make thieves think twice.
- Call your local police and insurance carrier should you become a catalytic converter theft victim.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages you to contact your insurer to report the theft and determine the best course of action in replacing your stolen catalytic converter.

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