



# Sugar Land Police Department

Dear Resident (s),

There has been an increase in Catalytic Converter thefts, not only in Sugar Land, but across the country. Catalytic Converters are targeted because they contain precious metals such as Platinum, Rhodium, and Palladium. Though this is a hard crime to prevent, there are some things we can do to make it harder for thieves to remove them.

1. If your vehicle is not able to be parked in a locked garage, try your best to park in a well-lit area. When cars are kept in a poorly lit area, it makes it easier for thieves to steal parts and leave undetected!
2. On a similar note, leave the lights on at night! Not only will this hopefully deter catalytic converter thieves, but will also make it harder for burglars to target your vehicle.
3. If you have a high-riding vehicle such as a van or SUV, as well as a lower-profile vehicle, park the low-profile vehicle next to the SUV, van, or truck. When higher vehicles are parked alone, it is easy for someone to get underneath it. If you have a lower car next to it, it can make it more difficult to access underneath. Parking close to fences, curbs or walls is another way to make it harder for thieves.
4. Consider etching your vehicle's vin number into the catalytic converter. This may deter a thief from stealing it, as it makes the part easily identifiable. Or, if it does get stolen, you may be able to track it down.
5. Install surveillance equipment around your property. Sometimes even the presence of security cameras can deter a thief. If you do become a victim of theft, you can possibly identify the criminal based on the security footage!
6. If you have a fleet of vehicles, and are able to have additional security on your organization's property, such as a security patrol, that is helpful in preventing a burglary!

7. Consider investing in a cat-protection device and installing it on your vehicle. These are one of the most effective ways of preventing your catalytic converter from being stolen.
8. Consider a dashcam. Some models are motion activated, so you have a chance of catching the thief's face or license plate.

Here is link that has some great tips:

<https://heycar.co.uk/guides/best-ways-to-prevent-catalytic-converter-theft>