

# Protecting your vehicle from catalytic converter thieves

**We are working to apprehend them. You can help us by following this advice to protect your vehicle.**

- If you can, park your vehicle in a locked garage when it is unattended.
- If it's not possible to garage your vehicle, park it in a busy, well-lit area as close to your property as possible.
- Consider installing a Thatcham approved alarm to your vehicle. Ones that activate if your vehicle is lifted or tilted are particularly effective.
- Use a catalytic converter protection device or marking system.

Catalytic converters control and convert exhaust emissions from your vehicle into less toxic substances. If yours is stolen, you will know because your vehicle's engine will sound different.

If you suspect your catalytic converter has been stolen, report it to us immediately by calling **101**.

Turn over for details of useful products and services.



Tel: 101  
[www.nottinghamshire.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk)  
[www.twitter.com/nottspolice](https://www.twitter.com/nottspolice)  
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# These websites provide details of products that could help protect your vehicle

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Secured By Design scheme [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

- Approved Thatcham alarm installers [www.thatcham.org](http://www.thatcham.org)
- Catalytic converter marking system [www.retainagroup.com](http://www.retainagroup.com)
- Products to enhance vehicle security [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com)

Other products, not approved by Secured By Design, are available

- Catalytic converter guards [www.garrisonlocks.co.uk](http://www.garrisonlocks.co.uk)
- Catatak - theft prevention kit [www.catalyticconvertertheft.com](http://www.catalyticconvertertheft.com)
- CatSecure theft prevention device for Mercedes Sprinter van [www.maplefleetservices.co.uk](http://www.maplefleetservices.co.uk)
- CatClamp catalytic converter lock [www.catsafe.org.uk](http://www.catsafe.org.uk)

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