

Protect your car by asking your car dealer if they can give you any advice on locks or guards that are approved by vehicle manufacturer and tested to Sold Secure Gold

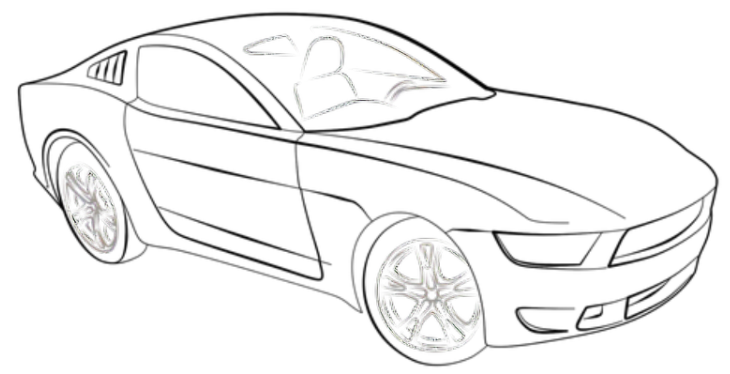
Mark your catalytic converter with a forensic marker and register your converter to make it harder for thieves to dispose of it

Park your car somewhere well-lit and visible. Park around as many vehicles as possible. Try to park so that the converter can't easily be reached, close a wall. Fence or tightly between two other cars for example.



Most vehicle crime is opportunistic and therefore preventable. By following some straightforward advice we can ensure that this type of crime keeps falling.

Keep your vehicle under lock and key.



Vehicle Crime Leaflet

Working Together
to Prevent Crime



Protecting Yourself from Car Thieves:

Don't leave valuables such as CDs, pen drives, sat-nav systems, laptops, handbags and mobile phones on show – even if you think an item isn't of any particular value, someone else might think differently.

Don't leave coats or clothing visible. Their pockets may be empty but someone looking through the window won't know that.

Make sure your car is locked and all windows, doors, boot and sunroof are closed properly.

Activate all security devices, alarms, immobilisers, etc. when left unattended.

If you park your car on your drive, consider fitting substantial locking gates or security posts.

Always park your car in a safe, well-lit place. Use a garage if you have one and consider fitting extra door locks or an electronic garage door. Never leave your keys in any place within your home that could be reached through the letterbox on your front door with the aid of a hook on a cane or any other device.

Extra Care on Cold & Frosty Mornings:

Never leave keys in the ignition and doors unlocked when your car is unattended, even if it is only for a couple of minutes, whether the vehicle is sitting on your driveway or on the roadside.

Allow a few extra minutes to defrost and stay with the vehicle while it warms up. Alternatively, use a de-icer spray and windscreen scraper to clear your windows and lights.

Always ensure your view is completely clear before moving off.

In a situation where a driver has left a vehicle unattended, insurers may argue that reasonable care has not been taken. This invalidates an insurance claim. Victims are then faced with the loss of their vehicle with no means of replacement, even though they are fully insured.

Catalytic Converters:

The precious metal in catalytic converters has led to an increase in thefts across the country. Together with our partners we are committed to tackle the issues. Here are some of the steps you can take to protect your car.

See more on the overleaf about Catalytic Converters.

For more info go to the Cheshire Police Website.