

## **Catalytic Converter Theft Warning**

**Over recent months we have seen an increase in the theft of catalytic converters from vehicles around the region.**

**Thieves target vehicles for the scrap value of the metals within the catalytic converters and it often only takes then a matter of seconds to remove the exhaust. Offences are taking place both over night and in the daytime in quite visible locations such as public car parks. Criminals will often park next to a victim's car wearing high visibility tops to make it look as if they are changing a flat tyre. If challenged, they will often claim to have been accidentally working on the wrong vehicle by mistake.**

**All vehicles are vulnerable, but criminals do seem to be targeting low emission Japanese cars in particular.**

**Please make sure that you park your vehicle in a visible area with adequate lighting. If available, then park near CCTV and speak to your local dealer about installing security devices to the vehicle. Please also keep an eye on neighbours' cars and, if you see anything suspicious either at home or in a public area, then contact the police immediately.**

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