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CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT



The Los Angeles Police Department wants to alert the public that catalytic converter thefts of construction company equipment are on the rise. Prevention efforts are an important part of reducing your risks, consider the following to protect your property:

Garage your equipment: If possible, park in a secured garage, driveway, or fenced area.

Parking outdoors: Park in well-lit areas. Activated motion detector or continuous lighting may help deter theft.

Bolt-on catalytic converter: Bolts can be welded additionally there are devices that can clamp around the converter to secure it in place.

Etch to catch: Engraving a converter with the license plate number will assist law enforcement track the converter in the event it is stolen and recovered.

Suspicious Activity: Immediately report any suspicious activity around your work site or equipment to your local law enforcement agency.

Anyone with information can contact the Los Angeles Police Department's Commercial Crimes Division, Task Force for Regional Auto Theft Prevention, Lieutenant Edgell at (626) 873-2361. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (1-877-527-3247). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477). Tipsters may also go to www.lapdonline.org and click on "Anonymous Web Tips."

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