



# Loudoun Sheriff's Office Needs your help Thefts in your area

**Thieves targeting:  
catalytic converters / tires / rims  
occurring during the overnight hours.**

**Thieves focusing on vehicles parked  
at apartment complexes.**

**If you see or hear something call immediately  
703-777-1021**

**For your safety, do not approach suspects.**

**"When in doubt, have us check it out!"**

## Preventing Catalytic

### Converter Theft

- ◆ Security devices are available that attach to the converter, making it harder to steal. Having the converter welded in place also makes it more difficult to remove.
- ◆ If you have a security system on your car, calibrate it so vibration sets it off. This ensures the alarm activates if a thief tries to saw off the converter

## Preventing Tire & Rim Thefts

- ◆ Use wheel locks on each wheel, including your spare.
- ◆ Turn your wheels when parking. This makes the wheels harder to remove, because they get stuck in the wheel well. The car's steering column lock makes it difficult for the thieves to turn the wheels forward again without a key for the ignition.
- ◆ Install a car alarm that includes sensors that attach to the wheels.