

University of Toledo Community Members:

In compliance with the Timely Warning provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998 The University of Toledo Police Department is giving notice of a series of motor vehicle and catalytic converter thefts on campus.

Please note, Timely Warnings are advisories distributed via email and will not include a text message version. UT Alert text messages are reserved for active emergencies.

The purpose of this message is to heighten your safety awareness by providing community members with information necessary to take appropriate precautions, enable you to take actions to help increase your safety, and to aid in the prevention of similar crimes.

The University of Toledo Police Department (UTPD) has identified a crime trend, with three incidents classified as thefts of motor vehicles. UTPD also has received several reports of stolen catalytic converters during the same time frame. This represents an ongoing safety threat and information is being shared so the campus community can remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to police who are actively investigating.

The three motor vehicle thefts occurred between September 20, 2023 and October 9, 2023.

- September 20, 2023 - Chevy Impala - Parking Area 25
- October 5, 2023 - Hyundai Elantra - Parking Area 19
- October 9, 2023 - Hyundai Sonata - Parking Area 19

Several reports of stolen catalytic converters also occurred during this same time frame across both Main Campus and Health Science Campus. UTPD has identified a suspect believed to be responsible for some of the catalytic converter theft cases.

UTPD encourages everyone to lock doors and keep windows closed. Always be aware of your surroundings, especially at night. If you see something, say something: report suspicious behavior by calling police at 911. Additional safety resources are available at: [www.police.utoledo.edu](http://www.police.utoledo.edu).

UTPD carefully considers information contained in Timely Warnings. All decisions are handled on a case-by-case basis with the safety of our campus community in mind. Law enforcement officers and dispatchers are trained to interview witnesses in an effort to obtain as much information as possible, such as build, hair style and color, facial hair, skin tone, eye color, tattoos or identifying marks, teeth, clothing, shoes, etc. UTPD may share suspect description when sufficient details are reliably reported and have the potential to aid in suspect identification. In an effort to share information in a timely manner, details may be limited and are based on information known or reported at the time of issuance.

Anyone with information concerning these crimes should contact University of Toledo Police at 419-530-2600.

You may also report information anonymously:

[https://www.utoledo.edu/depts/police/Anonymous\\_Reporting.asp](https://www.utoledo.edu/depts/police/Anonymous_Reporting.asp)

As a reminder, The University of Toledo Police Department has partnered with Rave mobile safety to offer the Rave Guardian smartphone safety app free to UToledo students and employees. Rave Guardian allows you to stay in touch with your close friends (Guardians) and notifies them in an

emergency providing your phone's GPS location. Rave Guardian also has a panic button feature allowing you to quickly call 911 at the touch of a button. Download for free through your smartphone app provider. Remember: See it! Hear it! Report it!