

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 Police are giving notice of a series of 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.

SYNOPSIS:

A catalytic converter is an exhaust emission control device found on automobiles. The University of Toledo Police Department is investigating a series of catalytic converter thefts occurring on campus during the late evening or early morning hours. In this academic year thefts have been reported in parking areas 25, 26 and area 13. Please be extra vigilant by reporting any suspicious behavior including the appearance of mechanical work to parked cars to the University of Toledo Police Department. There are some things you can do to help prevent or reduce the likelihood of catalytic converter theft, but reporting suspicious behavior is the most important.

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. Engrave your VIN number onto your catalytic converter to make it easier to identify in case it does get stolen.

Anyone who may have information is encouraged to contact The University of Toledo Police Department at 419.530.2600 (911 for emergencies). Remember, you can provide anonymous tips through the Rave Guardian app or at the UToledo Police website.

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As a reminder, The University of Toledo Police Department and Rave Mobile Safety offer the Rave Guardian smartphone safety app free to UT students and employees. Rave Guardian allows you to stay in touch with your close friends (Guardians) and notify them in an emergency providing your phone's GPS location. Rave Guardian also has a panic button feature allowing you to notify UTPD or 911 at the touch of a button as well as a help directory including important phone numbers for on and off campus resources. Download for free through your smartphone app provider.

Remember: See it! Hear it! Report it!