

This is a message from Northamptonshire West Police to all Neighbourhood Watch members....

Please be aware that Catalytic Converters are being targeted for theft. The most recent theft of this type was in Daventry on July 1st.

The high price of precious metals is leading to a rise in thefts of Catalytic Converters from a wide range of motor vehicles.

The average Catalytic Converter contains 1-2 grams of three precious metals - platinum, palladium, and rhodium - and the international prices of these metals have risen by 67%, 200%, and 600% respectively over the past two years.

Experts say that a competent thief can remove a converter in just six minutes and sell it for up to £150.

Please keep a look out and remember to report any suspicious activity to Northamptonshire Police on the number provided below.

Thank you.

Call the Northamptonshire Police switchboard on 08453 700700 or 999 in an emergency. Alternatively call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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