

# Community Connection



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## COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

There are multiple scams targeting people waiting to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are free and administered in tiers determined by the Orange County Health Care Agency. Criminals are making false claims assuring victims they can receive the vaccine for a fee or in exchange of personal information.



### Be aware of the following scams:

- Emails, phone calls, or advertisements selling the vaccine.
- Offers to be placed on a priority list for the vaccine in exchange for money.
- Anyone asking you to pay upfront with a promise to provide the vaccine or to be placed on a waitlist.

The official website for vaccine registration is: [othena.com](http://othena.com)

For more information on COVID-19 and updates on the vaccine, visit

[ggcity.org/coronavirus](http://ggcity.org/coronavirus) or [OCHealthInfo.com](http://OCHealthInfo.com)

## Community Update

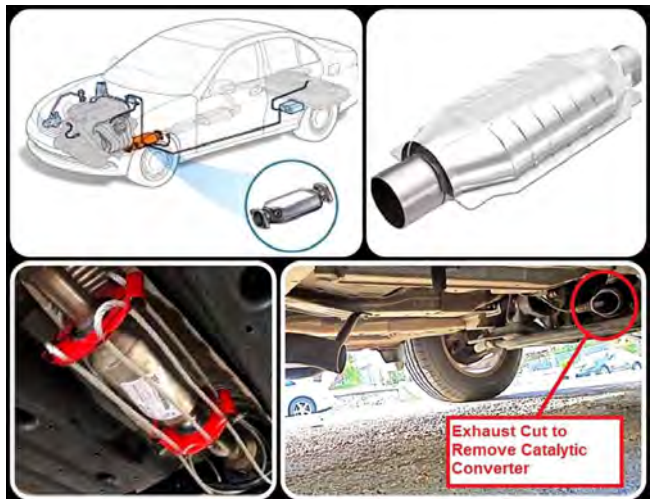
# CRIME TREND: Catalytic Converters

Catalytic converters can be stolen in as little as two minutes. A catalytic converter is a round canister that connects two pieces of piping in the exhaust to protect the exhaust system from harmful emissions. Thieves steal catalytic converters for the value of the metals they contain. Victims pay anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to replace a catalytic converter.

You will know you have been a victim of catalytic converter theft when you turn on your ignition and hear a loud roaring sound. The sound will get louder when you step on the accelerator and the car will sputter as you change your speed. Driving without a catalytic converter can damage your engine and other components, and therefore should be replaced soon as possible.

### You can help prevent catalytic converter theft by doing the following:

- Always park in well-lit areas, heavily traveled areas, or near surveillance cameras.
- Park your vehicle inside the garage if possible.
- Install a car alarm system on your vehicle with sensors that detect vibrations.



- Engrave your VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) on the catalytic converter to make it easier to identify if it gets stolen.
- Have your catalytic converter welded to your vehicle.

**If you've been a victim of a catalytic converter theft, please call the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5704 to file a police report.**

## Garden Grove Police Department Virtual Programs

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Liaison Division remains committed to serving the community by offering virtual crime prevention programs. Although we are limited in providing in-person events, we encourage residents to stay engaged to keep themselves and our communities safe.

The following programs can be offered virtually:

### Community Programs

- Neighborhood Watch
- Personal Safety
- Traffic Safety
- Bike/Pedestrian Safety
- Car Seat Safety

### Youth Programs

- Junior Neighborhood Watch
- Officer Friendly
- Child Safety & Stranger Danger
- Internet Safety
- Anti-Bullying
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Making Healthy Choices

### To Connect With Us

Community Liaison Division  
Email:

crimeprevention@ggcity.org

Community Liaison Division  
Numbers:

(714) 741-5760 General Inquiries

(714) 741-5761 East

(714) 741-5762 West, Spanish

(714) 741-5763 Vietnamese

(714) 741-5592 Korean

### Emergency:

9-1-1

Report a Non-Emergency Crime:

(714) 741-5704

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## Safety on Wheels

It's fun to be outside riding bikes or scooters, skateboarding, and roller blading. It can also be dangerous if you don't use safety equipment and follow the "Rules of the Road." Every year, people of all ages are injured or killed by accidents on our roads.



Remain safe while riding on wheels by following the suggestions below:

- The number of seats is the number of riders.
- Always use safety equipment like helmets, elbow pads, and knee pads.
- Make sure your equipment is in good operating order and bikes are the right size for the rider.
- Wear closed-toe shoes and make sure shoelaces are tied.
- Wear bright colored clothing and use reflectors and lights.
- Avoid wearing headphones, ear buds, or other items that can cause a distraction while on the road.
- Look all ways for traffic before you cross streets, driveways, and parking lots.
- Go with the flow of traffic.
- Yield to traffic when appropriate. Look, listen, and be seen.
- Be predictable. Don't go between cars. Look before turning and watch for parked cars (doors may open in front of you).
- Watch for road hazards and use the bike lane when possible. Children younger than 10 years old are better off using the sidewalk.



**Remember to Be Alert and Be Seen!**

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