



Stopping Domestic Violence in its Tracks: How States and Automakers Can Prevent the Misuse of Vehicle Location Data in the Era of Connected Cars

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Domestic Violence: The Risk of Leaving

- **1 in 4** women have experienced severe physical violence from an intimate partner
- Domestic violence survivors often make many attempts to leave the situation
 - On average, it takes a survivor **7 times** to leave
- Most dangerous time in a domestic violence situation is when a victim tries to leave
 - **70%** of domestic homicides occur during or after separation
- **Access to safe transportation is critical** for domestic violence survivors to receive access to the services they need

Domestic Violence via Vehicle Tracking

- As vehicles become more connected, bad actors may seek to abuse that technology
- Widespread attention was brought to this issue from a 2020 DV case in California, underscoring the concern that connected vehicle technology can be exploited for stalking or coercive control

Case Study:

- California woman alleged that her abusive husband violated a restraining order by using vehicle features to track and harass her
- The vehicle's app allowed him to monitor its location and control functions
- Because the vehicle was sold and registered in his name, there was little that could be done by the auto manufacturer to help

An abused wife took on Tesla over tracking tech. She lost.

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Benefits of Vehicle Data Collection



CONSUMER BENEFITS

- Lower ownership costs
- Improved safety
- Better fuel efficiency
- Enhanced customer user experience
- Predictive maintenance



SOCIETAL BENEFITS

- Improved roadway safety
- Reduced traffic congestion

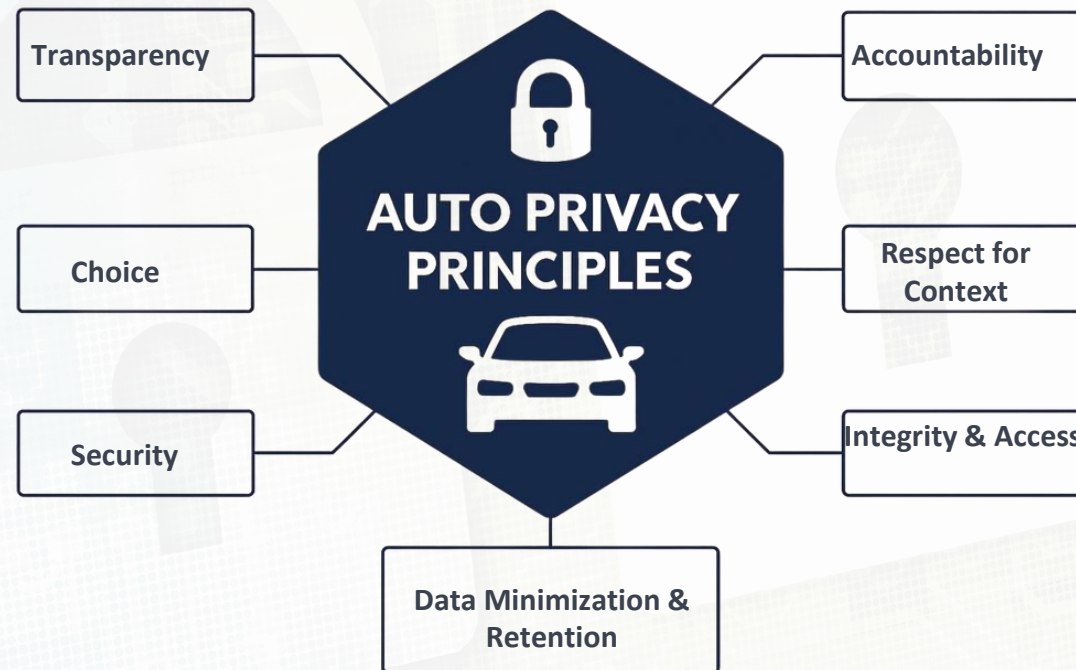
Ohio DOT-Honda project demonstrates connected vehicle road hazard detection

Connected vehicle data could improve worker safety and reduce costs, partners said about the two-year project's results.

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Automaker Privacy Principles

- The auto industry entered into a set of privacy principle, enforceable by the FTC
- These principles are superseded by a diverse and inconsistent patchwork of state and federal privacy laws



How Industry Can Help

Access to a vehicle is a critical tool for survivors to
achieve safety and independence

Model State Legislation

- Model legislation would require manufacturers to establish a process that allows survivors to disconnect remote vehicle access
- This ability must be prominently placed in vehicle manuals and on the OEM website
- Survivors can have remote access to vehicles suspended by OEMs within 2 days

Case Study: Louisiana and Maine

- States have passed this model legislation to better support domestic violence survivors



Why Action is Needed Now

Federal Progress Stalled

- Bipartisan legislation has been stalled in Congress: *“Safe Vehicle Access for Survivors Act”*
- *Would* protect survivors by providing a clear legal process to remove an abuser’s access to connected-car tracking and remote-control features

States Moving in Different Directions

- New legislation in NY and CA would require manufacturers to create an indicator for drivers that someone is remotely access their vehicle data
- This legislation is problematic in several ways (inconsistent design mandates, nonexistent tech) and does nothing to protect DV survivors **now**

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