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# *State Privacy Laws Concerning Connected Cars*

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## *Agenda*

1. Introduction to autonomous and connected cars
2. Overview of the types of information they collect, store and disseminate
3. State regulations affecting privacy and cybersecurity concerns for connected cars
4. Summary of federal and international laws governing privacy and cybersecurity for connected cars
5. Steps to mitigate regulatory and litigation risk for the connected car atmosphere



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# *What are Connected Cars and Autonomous Vehicles?*

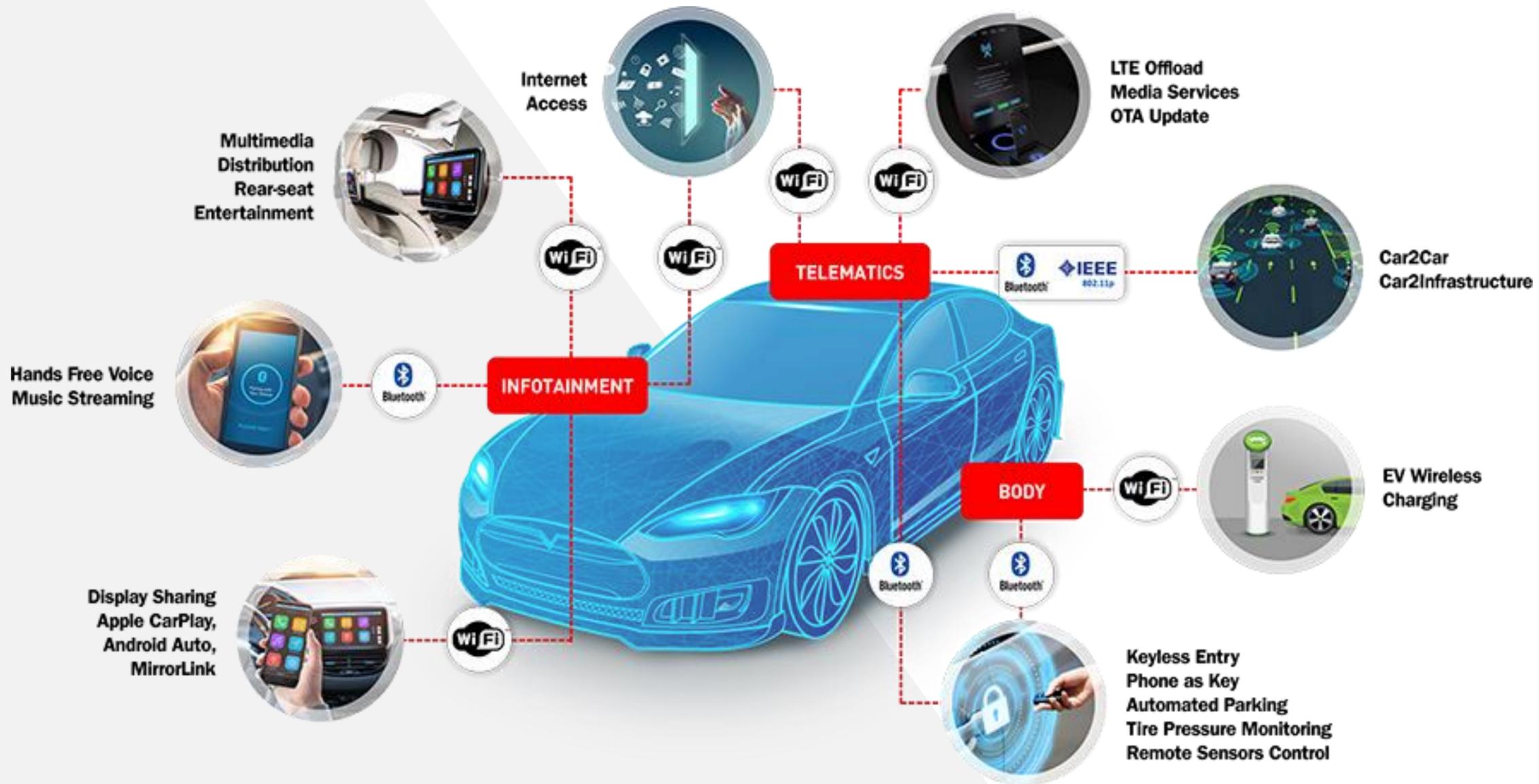
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# What are connected cars?





## *Defining Autonomous Vehicles*

Cars connected to the Internet **sense their surroundings** and move **without human input**



### Advantages

**“There will be 21 million autonomous vehicles on the world’s roads by 2035”**

### Disadvantages

- Reduced cost of accidents
- Increased safety
- Reduction in traffic collisions and injuries
- Increased traffic flow
- Environmentally friendly
- Increased human welfare
- Lower operational costs

- Legal framework and government regulations
- Loss of privacy; security concerns
- Potential for loss of driving jobs in road transport
- Increased suburbanization
- Potential worsening of urban congestion

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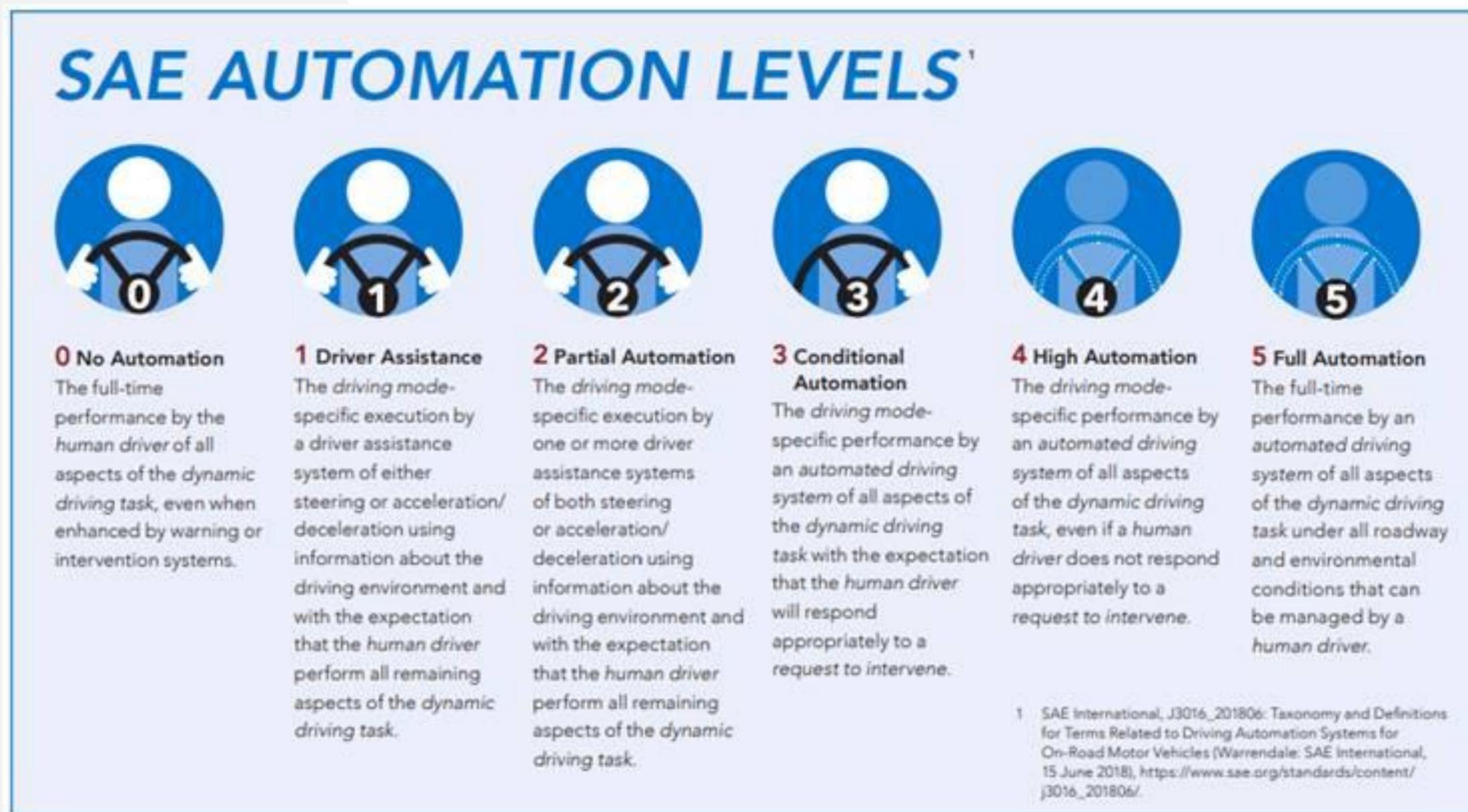
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# What Do We Mean by “Autonomous Driving”?

## Autonomous Driving Levels 0 to 5





***Level 2 (and lower) vehicles already collect tons of valuable information***

Who You Are	Where You Go	Your Driving Habits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contacts, text messages, music preferences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPS information, i.e., where you like to shop, what restaurants do you eat at, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you wear a seatbelt, do you speed, other telematics data.</li> <li>• Event Data Recorders collect much of this information already</li> </ul>

May 22, 2019

## Data collected by connected cars ends up with carmakers, not consumers

As connected cars collect data, they send it back to carmakers instead of consumers.



# *Potential for Technological Innovations from Level 2 to Levels 3 - 5*

- Technology companies bringing new technology to automotive industry



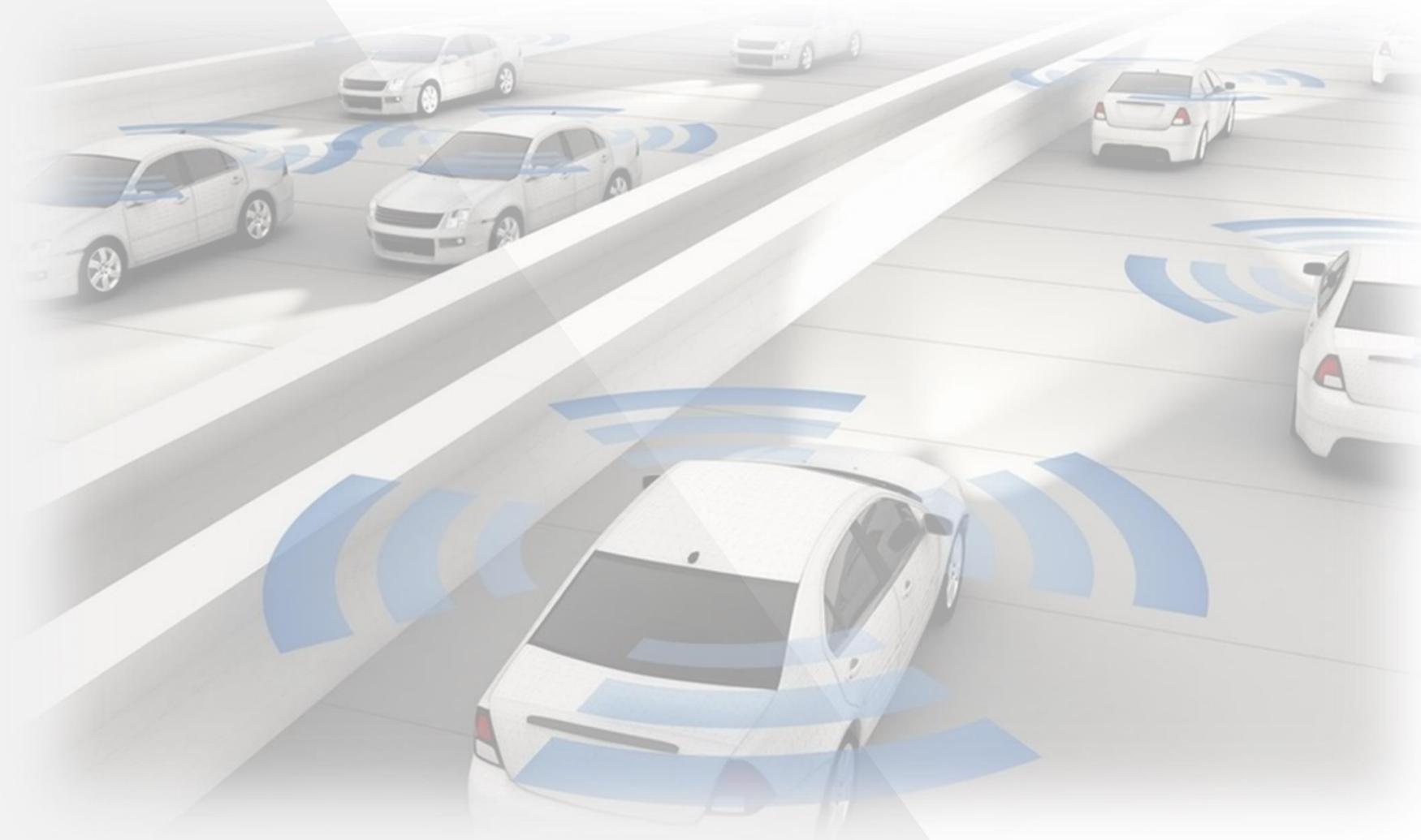
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Cellular



Connectivity



Sensors



Voice recognition



GPS

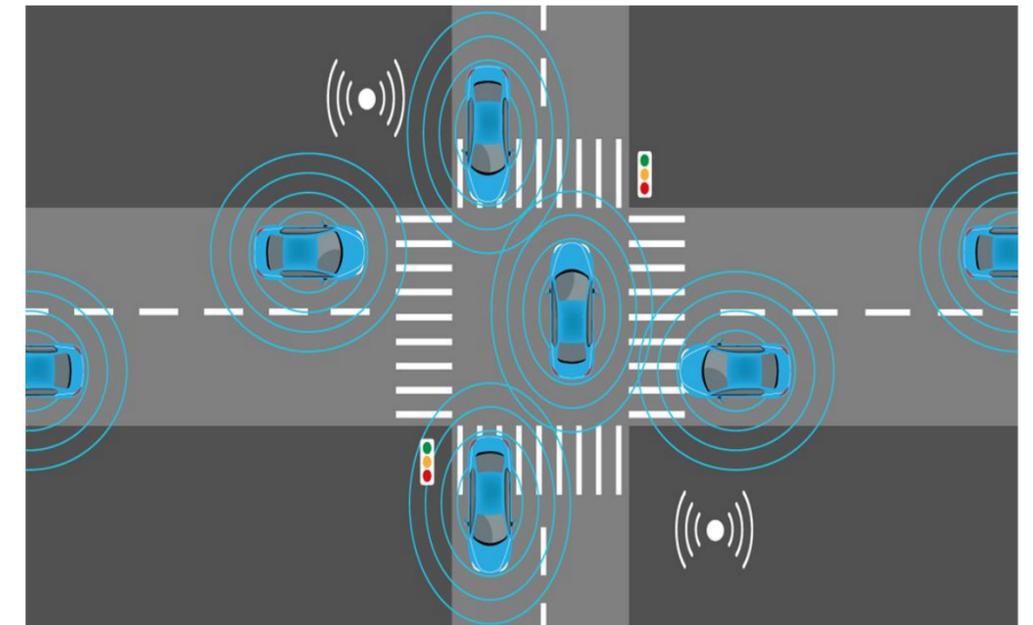
## *What information will autonomous vehicles collect?*

- Biometrics and driver behavior analytics
  - Biometric information includes face scans, fingerprints, voiceprints, iris scans
  - Level 3 (conditional automation) and higher vehicles may use this information to, for example, see if your eyes are still on the road so that you can take control of the vehicle if need be
  - The fact that autonomous vehicles need cameras on the outside of the car means that they will have the ability to collect information on pedestrians



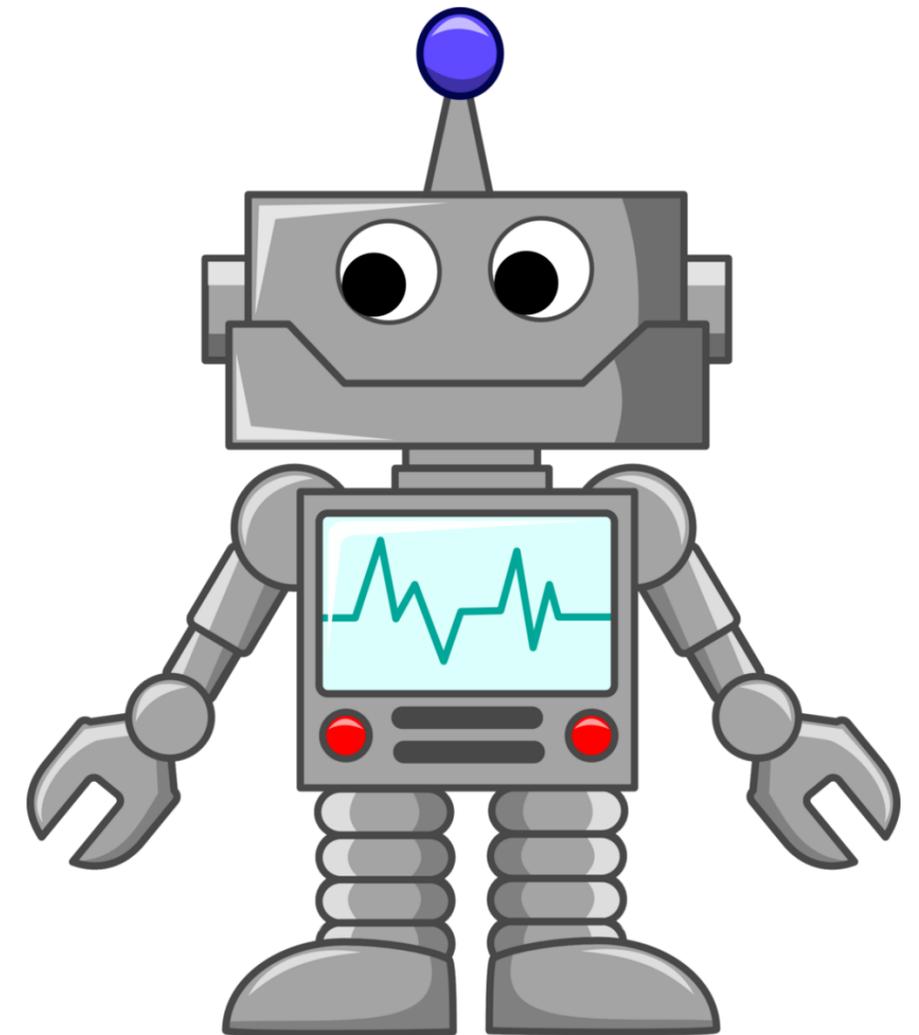
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- Geolocation information and telematics
  - GPS antennae mean that autonomous vehicles will know exactly where they (and you) are at all times
  - Connected cars need to know where other vehicles, as well as people and pedestrians are, in order to function properly
  - Level 4 (high automation) and Level 5 (full automation) vehicles will allow you to input destinations, as well as allow you to be picked up wherever you are



## *What information will autonomous vehicles collect?*

- Information to improve algorithms and machine learning
  - Autonomous vehicles rely on algorithms and machine learning to advance their driving capability
  - Some of this information may be regulated, either directly or because it qualifies as “personal information” under state privacy laws



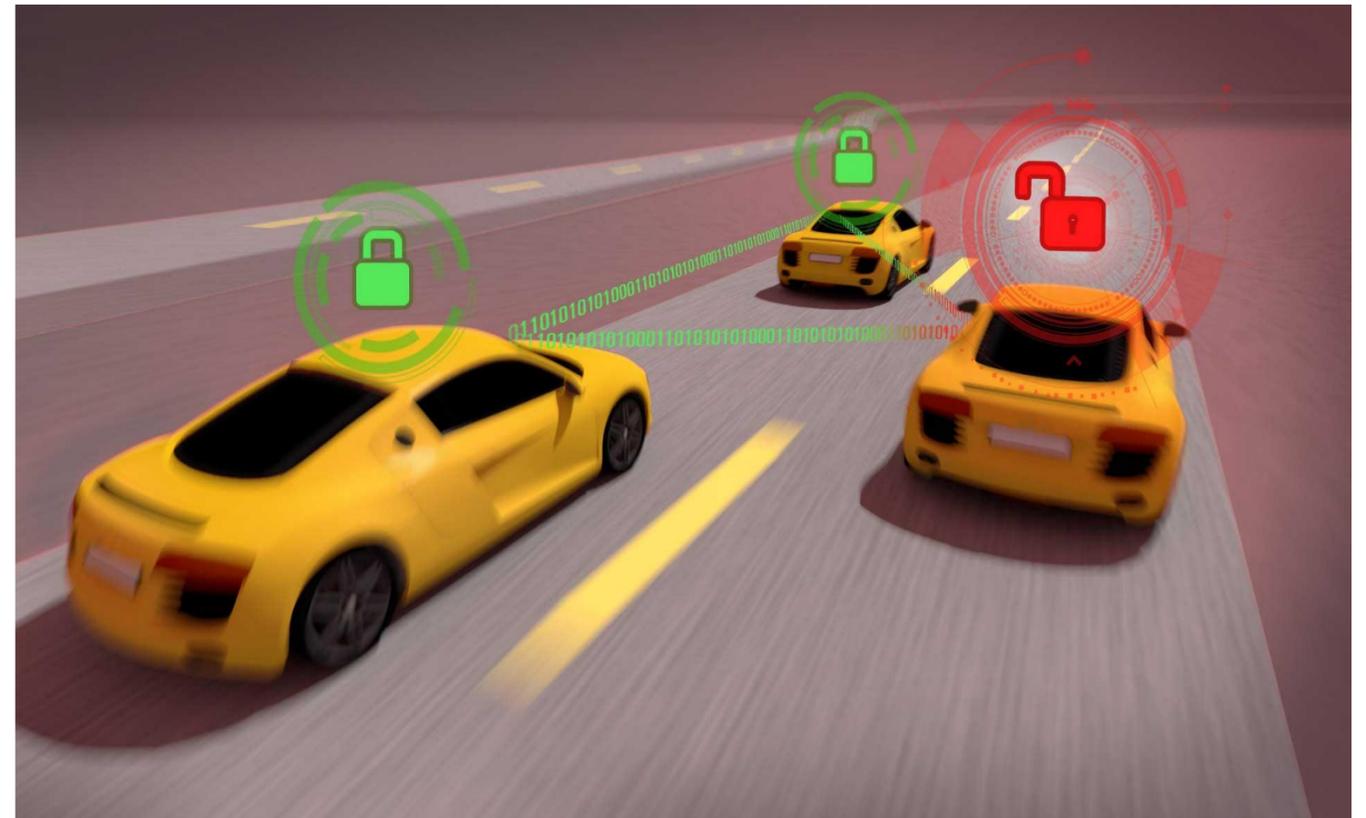


## *Who is this information valuable to?*



## *Autonomous vehicles pose increased risks of cyber attacks*

- Almost all aspects of driverless cars will be connected to the Internet, which means more access points for potential hackers
- In 2016, the FBI released a [public service announcement](#) stating that motor vehicles are increasingly vulnerable to remote exploits
- There have been more than 260 cyberattacks on connected cars since 2010, [according to UpStream Security](#)





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# *How States Can Regulate Connected Cars*

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## *Overview of State Regulation in the Connected Car Context*

- States can regulate privacy and cybersecurity in connected and autonomous cars directly
  - Few states so far have enacted such laws yet, though several more bills are pending in legislatures across the country
- States can pass comprehensive privacy bills that also apply to the connected car atmosphere
  - The California Consumer Privacy Act is a prime example
- States can regulate specific aspects of privacy and cybersecurity that affect autonomous and connected cars because of the vast amount of information they collect
  - Breach notification laws
  - Biometric laws
  - IoT
  - Other (geolocation, AI, unfair trade practices, etc.)



## *States Directly Regulating AVs and Connected Cars*

- 36 states and the District of Columbia have either passed legislation or issued an executive order pertaining to AV development and deployment regulations/standards
- These laws are mostly focused on issues relating to AV testing and development, as well as pedestrian safety, but most of them do not address privacy and cybersecurity
- California and Maine have passed regulations regulating privacy concerns in AVs
- A few other states have considered such legislation in 2019 and 2020





## *States Directly Regulating AVs and Connected Cars*

### — California:

- California requires AV manufacturers to either provide written disclosures to the passengers of a vehicle that describe the personal information collected by the AV that is not necessary for the safe operation of the AV or to anonymize that information. [13 CCR § 228.24](#)
- If a manufacturer collects non-anonymized information, it shall obtain written approval from the owner or lessee of the vehicle for any information that is not necessary for the safe operation of the vehicle

### — Maine:

- In January of 2020 (and effective as of April 2020), Maine enacted [regulations](#) requiring AV developers participating in the state's AV Pilot Project to provide to its Commission on Autonomous Vehicles information on the AV's data collection practices, including information on what data will be collected, how it will be used, how privacy will be protected and how security will be maintained, including customer feedback in the conduct of the Pilot Project and crash data



## *AV Data Privacy and Security Proposed State Legislation in 2019-2020*

- [Michigan HB 4389](#): Would require AV manufacturers to make available a privacy statement to pilot program participants disclosing its data handling practices in connection with the applicable AV.
- [Massachusetts HB 3013](#): Would require the Department of Transportation to consider privacy considerations when implementing AV regulations
- [Minnesota HR 242](#): Would require all data collected as part of the AV pilot program to be subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act



## *States Regulating Connected Cars Through Comprehensive Privacy Laws*

- What is a “comprehensive” data privacy law?
  - Instead of regulating privacy in specific contexts (such as HIPAA for healthcare and the GLBA for financial institutions), comprehensive data privacy laws regulate all data that businesses collect from consumers in all contexts
  - Create individual rights for consumers
  - Examples include General Data Protection Regulation in the EU and the California Consumer Privacy Act in California





## *California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA)*

- Went into effect January 1, 2020; scheduled to be enforceable by the California AG on July 1, 2020 (though enforcement may be delayed by COVID-19)
- In addition to other requirements, the CCPA requires “businesses” to provide California residents with individual data privacy rights including:
  - Right to Notice
  - Right to Access
  - Right to Delete
  - Right to Opt-Out of Sale
  - Right to Nondiscrimination





## CCPA

- Personal information is defined broadly as information that identifies, relates to, describes, is capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular consumer or household

### Categories of personal information AVs could collect include:

Geolocation  
Information

Biometrics

Unique  
identifiers

Internet or other  
network activity

Inferences

- Aggregated and deidentified information are excluded
- Also excluded is personal information collected pursuant to the Driver's Privacy Protection Act



## CCPA Class Action Risk

- CCPA creates private right of action for any “consumer whose nonencrypted or nonredacted personal information...is subject to an unauthorized access and exfiltration, theft, or disclosure as a result of the business’s violation of the duty to implement and maintain *reasonable* security procedures and practices...”
  - Reasonable is not defined in the statute or in the draft regulations
  - Damages can be as high as \$750 per violation
- But note that the definition of “personal information” as it applies to the private right of action is much narrower. It only applies to:

Social Security  
Numbers

Driver’s license  
numbers or  
other ID  
number

Account numbers,  
credit or debit card  
number, in combination  
with any required  
security code, access  
code, or password that  
would permit access to  
an individual’s financial  
account

Medical  
information

Health  
insurance  
information

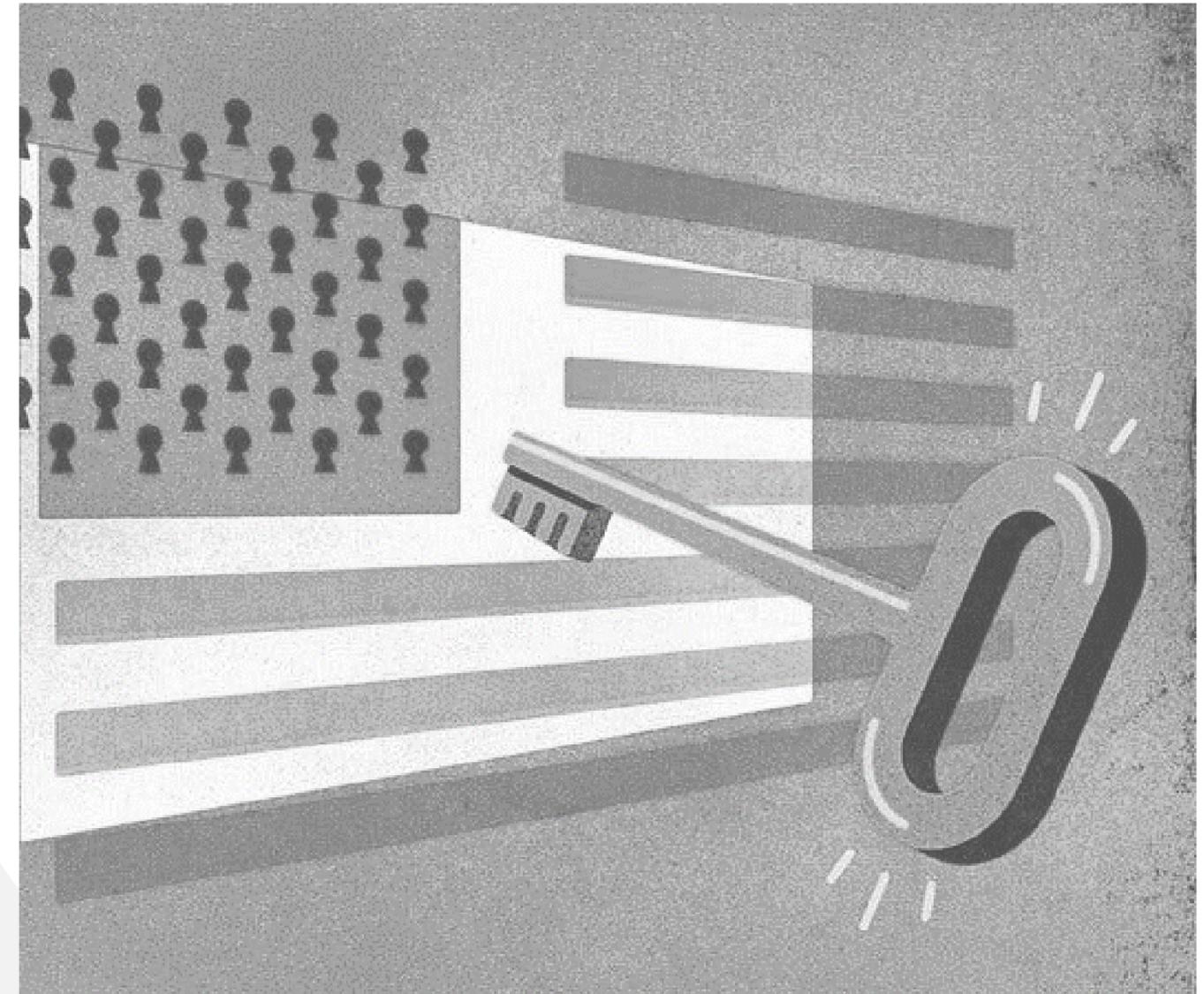
Unique  
biometric  
information  
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- First [class action lawsuit](#) under the CCPA was filed on February 3



## *Copycat CCPA Legislation*

- At least 11 states proposed comprehensive data privacy laws similar to the CCPA during the 2020 legislative session; other states continued to debate comprehensive privacy laws introduced in 2019
  - [WA](#), [HI](#) and [NH](#) a few examples
  - None were signed into law, though the Washington bill did pass the state senate for the second year in a row
- A number of other states have proposed and implemented more limited privacy legislation
  - Nevada enacted a right to opt-out of sale law in 2019
- Patchwork of legislation could eventually inspire a comprehensive national data privacy law





## *States Regulating Other Aspects of Privacy and Cybersecurity that Affect Connected Cars*

Breach  
notification  
laws

Biometrics

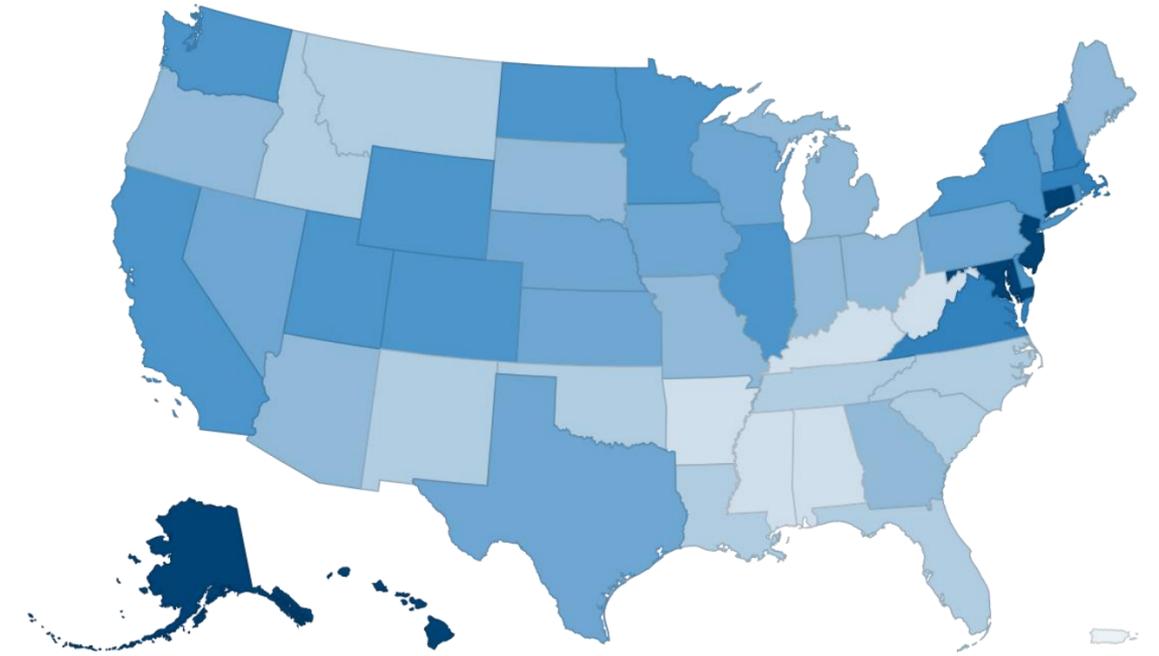
IoT

Other



## *Breach Notification Laws*

- All 50 states have a data breach notification law
  - The definition of “personal information” in these laws varies
- State breach notification laws are evolving to include more information that AVs may collect
  - For example, NY’s SHIELD Act (passed in 2019) expanded the definition of covered “private information” information to include biometrics. California also added biometrics to its definition of “personal information” last year.
  - The SHIELD Act also requires businesses that own or license computerized private information of NY residents to “develop, implement and maintain reasonable safeguards to protect the security of, confidentiality and integrity” of personal information



Requires reasonable administrative, technical and physical safeguards

Went into effect March 2020



## *State Biometric Laws*

- [Texas](#), [Washington](#) and [Illinois](#) have special requirements regarding the collection, storage and sharing of biometric information
- [Biometric Information Privacy Act \(BIPA\)](#) in Illinois has a private right of action, attorneys' fees and statutory damages
  - Lawsuits under BIPA have skyrocketed since a ruling by the Illinois Supreme Court in January stating actual injury is not needed to bring claims under the law
- At least seven states proposed commercial biometric privacy laws similar to those in Texas, Illinois and Washington during the last two years, though none passed into law
- Other states, such as [Idaho](#) and [Louisiana](#), are looking to specifically regulate facial recognition technology

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*[Rosenbach v. Six  
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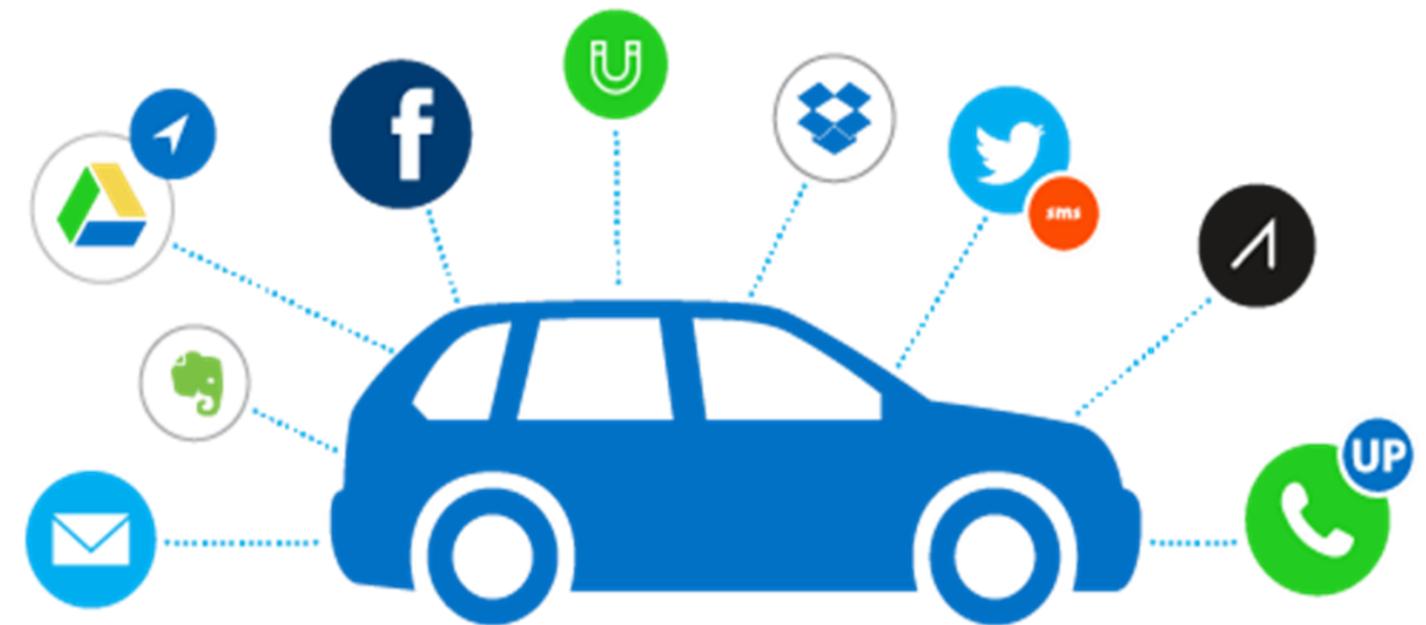
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*[Alabama, Arizona  
and \[South Carolina\]\(#\)  
are a few examples](#)*



## *California and Oregon's IoT Security Bills*

- [California](#) and [Oregon's](#) IoT security laws require connected devices to be equipped with “reasonable security features”
- Both went into effect January 1, 2020
- California's law is enforceable by the California AG, city attorney, county counsel, or district attorney and Oregon's law is enforceable by the OR AG or a district attorney





## *Other State Laws Affecting Connected Cars*

- During the last two legislative sessions, a number of states have considered regulating geolocation information
- States may further regulate how companies use AI
- State tort law may provide potential causes of action for plaintiffs
- **Private lawsuits under state unfair competition laws**

*Mehlman v. General Motors*, No. RG19013705 (Cal. Sup. Ct. Apr. 4, 2019) (lawsuit brought against GM under California's Unfair Competition Law for allegedly monetizing consumer data through On-Star system without compensating consumers)

*Cahen v. Toyota Motor Corp.*, 717 F. App'x 720, 723 (9th Cir. 2017) (plaintiffs alleged that Toyota and GM's car computers lacked proper security and that they shared information about plaintiffs with third parties without securing the transmission; district court dismissed the case on lack of proper standing and the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit affirmed).

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# *Other Considerations: Federal and International Laws*

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## *Federal Laws Governing AVs and Connected Cars*

- NHTSA within the Department of Transportation has authority over AVs
  - Released [fourth version](#) of AV Guidance in January of 2020
- The Federal Trade Commission enforces privacy and cybersecurity violations through its authority under Section 5 of the FTC Act
  - Held a connected car workshop in 2017 and released a [staff perspective](#) on connected cars in 2018
  - Also released [AI guidance](#) in April of 2020
- Congressional Action:
  - The House of Representatives passed the [SELF DRIVE Act](#) in 2017 that regulated AVs and included privacy and cybersecurity provisions; did not pass Senate and has not been taken up again seriously by Congress
  - Congress was also considering a number of comprehensive data privacy bills earlier in the year



Would require AV manufacturers to develop a written privacy plan, as well as a written cybersecurity policy



# *FTC Connected Car Workshop*



- The FTC held a connected car workshop in 2017 and issued a [staff perspective](#) in 2018

## *Key Takeaways*

1. Connected cars will collect information from consumers in ways that will be beneficial
2. The type of data collected can range from aggregated data to sensitive personal information
3. Consumers may be concerned about unexpected uses of their data
4. Connected cars will create potential cybersecurity risks

## *Recommendations*

1. Manufacturers should share information with groups like the Society of Automotive Engineers
2. Connected car networks should include network design solutions, such as separating safety-critical functions
3. Risk assessment and mitigation should be incorporated throughout the development and sale process
4. Industry self-regulation should set appropriate standards



## *FTC Guidance on AI*

Ask questions before  
you use the algorithm

Be transparent

Explain your decisions  
to consumers

Ensure that your  
decisions are fair

Ensure that your data  
and models are robust  
and empirically sound

Hold yourself  
accountable for  
compliance, ethics,  
fairness and  
nondiscrimination

## *International Laws Governing AVs and Connected Cars*

- The GDPR in the EU applies to the connected car atmosphere if businesses target or monitor EU residents
- The EU also released [guidelines](#) on personal data collected from connected vehicles in January of 2020
- Other comprehensive privacy laws, such as those in [Brazil](#) (effective August 2020) and [South Korea](#), may also affect connected car manufacturers depending on the data they are collecting





## *EU Connected Car Recommendations*

Categories of information and purposes for collection

Data minimization and relevance

Data protection by design and default

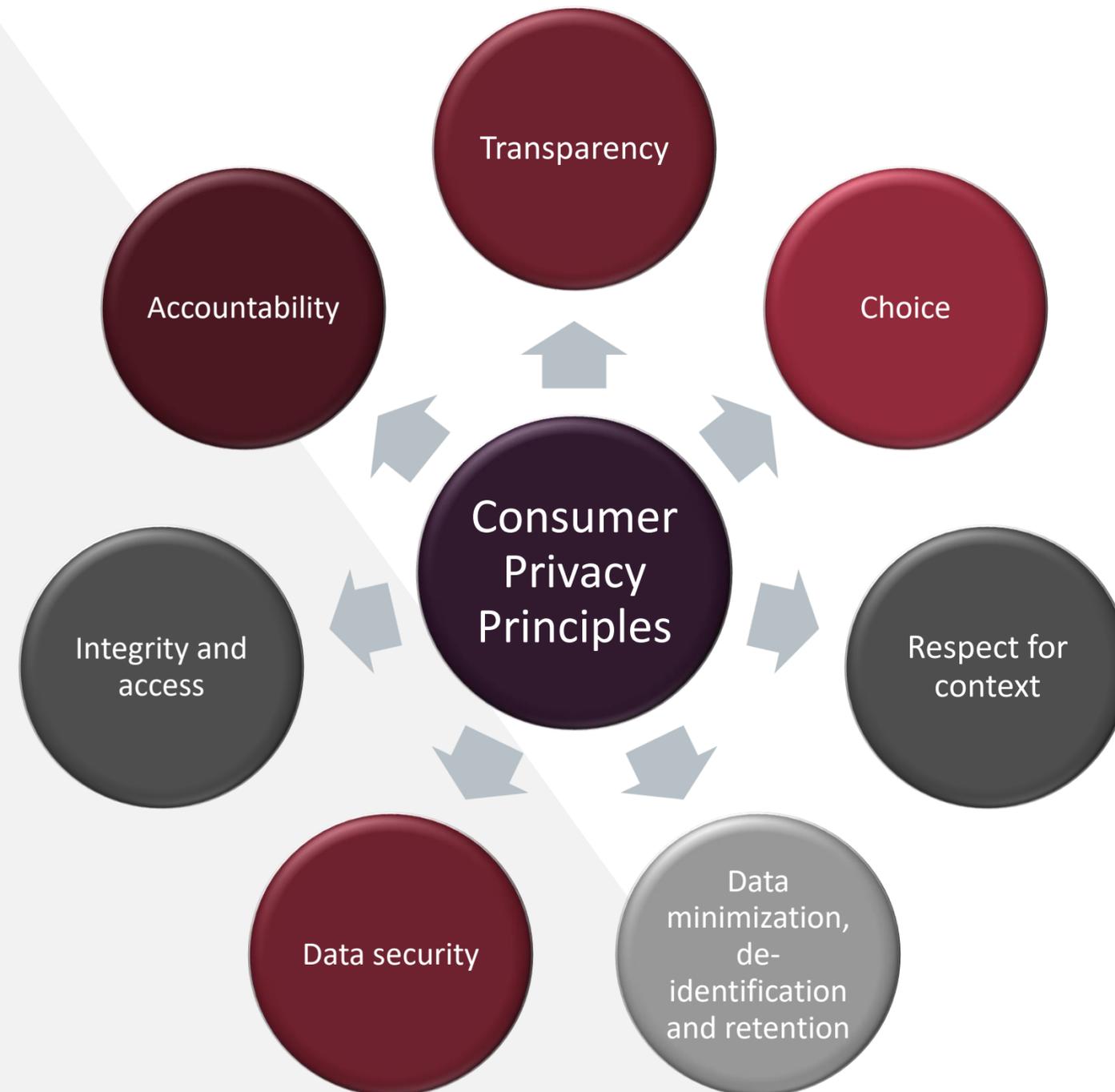
Rights of the data subject

Data security and confidentiality

Transfer of personal data to third parties and outside of EU



## *Self-Regulatory Bodies: Alliance for Automobile Manufacturers*



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*What can be done to mitigate risk?*

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## *Steps to Mitigate Regulatory and Litigation Risk*

1. Data map
  - Understand what information you collect, for what purposes, and with whom you share it with
2. Know your playing field
  - Understand what rules and regulations could potentially apply to you
3. Be transparent
  - Provide appropriate notices of data collection practices and obtain consent when required to do so
4. Incorporate “[privacy by design](#)” principles, including data minimization, purpose specification, onward disclosure and storage in de-identified form, if possible
5. Implement and maintain reasonable security procedures, including a written information security policy compliant with laws in [Massachusetts](#), [New York](#) and the FTC’s [Start with Security](#) and [Stick with Security](#) guidance



# Questions?



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