



Partner Patty Covington quoted in Automotive News data breach article

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On December 9, *Automotive News* spoke with several auto dealership cyberattack or data breach prevention advisors. In addition to employee training, dealerships should have strict policies surrounding customers' nonpublic personal information. Partner [Patty Covington](#) suggests that dealerships implement anonymous reporting of unauthorized system access. In addition to firewalls and antivirus software, she also recommends having some type of service or software that monitors computer networks and conducts systematic scans.

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