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Washington state enacts regulations on facial recognition technology

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In a move that will likely influence many other states, and perhaps the federal government, the state of Washington's governor, Jay Inslee, signed a bill^[1] into law that regulates the use of facial recognition technology. *The Wall Street Journal* summarizes some of the law's requirements in their exclusive daily report on artificial intelligence below:^[2]

- “Under the new law, if a government agency wants to use facial recognition, it has to first give public notice, hold at least three community meetings and publish a report outlining the technology's potential impact on civil liberties.
- “Police could use facial recognition for ongoing surveillance or real-time identification of people, but they will need a warrant or court order first.
- “The technology can't be used to make significant government decisions without ‘meaningful human review,’ and government employees must be trained on the technology's limitations.”

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