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AI hacking agents are trying to break into Australian online stores

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- [ ] **Update your store platform and plugins.** If you run Magento or another self-hosted platform, ask whoever looks after the site to confirm it's on the latest security release.
- [ ] **Turn on automatic updates.** Do it for the devices and software you use to run the store, as ASD's small business guide recommends.
- [ ] **Lock down the admin login.** Use multi-factor authentication, or at least a strong passphrase, for every account that can change the store.
- [ ] **Find out what your site exposes to the internet.** Ask your developer or host which admin panels, remote access and other services can be reached from outside, and close what isn't needed.
- [ ] **Back up the store and test a restore.** Make sure you could bring the site back after an attack.
- [ ] **Report a suspected break-in.** Use "Report a cyber security incident" at cyber.gov.au/report.

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