

Staying Cyber Safe with Strong Passwords

6 Tips for Successful Password Creation

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Make it Long

Hackers use a lot of different methods to hack passwords. The longer and more complex your password is, the longer this process takes. Passwords that are three characters long can take less than a second to crack.

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Use More than Letters

Using a combination of letters, numbers and special characters can make it much more difficult for hackers to get into your accounts. Also consider using a combination of upper and lower case letters.

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Avoid Personal Information

If there is information about you that is easily discoverable—such as your birthday, anniversary, address, city of birth, high school, and relatives' and pets' names—do not include them in your password.

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Do Not Reuse Passwords

Tempting as it might be, reusing passwords puts a spotlight on you for hackers being able to get into your accounts. Once your information is compromised it's easier for hackers to access even more of your personal information.

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Change Passwords Regularly

The more sensitive your information is, the more often you should change your password. Once it is changed, do not use that password again for a very long time.

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Keep It Secret

Don't type your password into your device if you are within plain sight of other people. And do not plaster your password on a sticky note on your work computer. If you're storing a list of your passwords on your computer name the file something random.

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