

Five tips for creating secure passwords.

1. Don't re-use an existing password.

Make sure your password is unique for each account that you have. This way, even if one becomes compromised the rest remain secure.

2. Use letters, numbers and symbols.

Use a mixture of different character types, as well as upper and lower cases. A strong mix of all available character types is a lot more secure than just letters.

3. Avoid personal information.

Don't make any reference to information about yourself, especially if it can be found on social media. Avoid locations, names, pets, dates and sports teams.

4. Don't use frequently used words.

Obvious words like password or letmein should be avoided at all costs. Also stay clear of sequences like abcd and keys next to one another on the keyboard.

5. Create longer passwords.

The longer a password is, the harder it is to be cracked. All passwords should be at least 12 characters long, but ideally 16 characters and above.

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