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HOW TO

Set strong passwords

How to create strong, unique passwords that are difficult to crack

1 Size matters

Many sites won't let you enter a password that is too short. **Get in the habit of choosing something that's at least eight characters long** – ideally more.

2 Don't get personal

Don't use words that **could be guessed from knowing a little about you** e.g. your name, address, place of birth, birthdate, child's name, school or hobby.

3 Gobbledygook

Don't use single words, especially not simple ones such as "password" or "January". Rather, consider using three unrelated words e.g. "christmas", "wheel" and "marrow".

4 Mix it up

Try to use a mixture of cases, numbers and punctuation marks. Mix things up a bit, and be creative – e.g. "cHr1stm4sWhEElM@rr0w".

5 Use a password manager

Consider using a password manager: it will provide you with easy access to all your accounts, plus a secure digital vault for your passport, driver's licence and more.

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