



Weak **PASSWORDS**

are the most common way
online criminals access accounts

Strengthen Passwords with Three Simple Tips

Using strong passwords with the help of a password manager is one of the easiest ways to protect our accounts and keep our information safe.

1 Make them long. At least 16 characters—longer is stronger!

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2 Make them random. Two ways to do this are:

- Use a random string of letters (capitals and lower case), numbers and symbols (the strongest!).
- Create a memorable passphrase of 5–7 unrelated words.

Get creative with spelling to make it even stronger.



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3 Make them different. Use a different password for each account.

Tip! Use a password manager to remember them.

Let a password manager do the work!

A password manager creates, stores and fills passwords for us automatically. **Then we each only have to remember one strong password**—for the password manager itself. Search trusted sources for “password managers” like Consumer Reports, which offers a selection of highly rated password managers. Read reviews to compare options and find a reputable program for you.

When we choose strong passwords, we make it much harder for someone to steal our:



Data



Money



Identities

Using strong passwords is one way to **Secure Our World.**



We can all help one another stay safer online, so share these tips with a family member or friend!

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