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The length and strength of a password can make a huge difference in how long it takes for hackers to crack the code. It's important that each online account have slightly different iterations. Here are some tips for creating hack-proof passwords.

## Use strong, unique passwords

Secure passwords are easy to remember but hard to guess.

**Do NOT** use the same password for multiple accounts.



## Long passwords take longer to crack



### How long does it take to break a password?

- 8 characters long – Days to crack
- 10 characters long – Weeks to crack
- 12 characters long – Years to crack

### Be sure to include:

Uppercase & lowercase letters, numbers & symbols

## Trick to create strong, easy-to-remember passwords

- Come up with a phrase/song: *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club*
- Take the first letter of each word: *SPLHC*
- Add numbers and characters *#2019SpLhC@!*

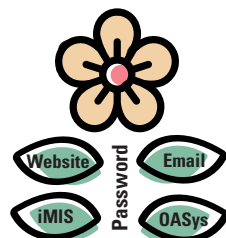


## Use a password stem

Add a different pre- or post-fix to your password per account. It makes it easier to remember multiple unique passwords.

*For email: #2019SpLhC@!@!webmail*

*For website: #2019SpLhC@!@!website*



## Avoid using

### Special dates:

Birthdays, Anniversaries

### Names:

Spouse, Children, Pets

### County Information:

County name, Position or Title



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