

1\$ Y0uR P@\$\$w0rd S3curE?

www.county.org/TAC-CIRA

The length and complexity 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 has different passwords. Here are some tips for creating strong passwords.

Use strong, unique passwords

Secure passwords are easy to remember but hard to guess.

Do NOT use the same password for multiple accounts.

Do use multifactor authentication whenever available.

Do immediately reset your password if you experience any indications of compromise.

Long passwords take longer to crack

Passwords should be at least 8 characters, but you should consider using the longest password you can. Using a phrase, like Dog\$LuVMY\$0ck\$56!, can make a long password easy to remember.

Be sure to include:

Uppercase & lowercase letters, numbers & symbols

Another 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@!



Consider a password manager

Consult with your IT admin on using a password management tool to securely store, organize, and manage your passwords. Be sure that the master password to your management tool account is strong and complex.

Never use these for passwords

Hackers are able to easily find this information online:

Special dates:

Birthdays, Anniversaries

Names:

Spouse, Children, Pets

County Information:

County name, Position or Title

