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8 Ingredients for a STRONG PASSWORD

Follow these tips to beef up your passwords and protect yourself from cybercrime.[1]

1. Use the maximum number of characters and include punctuation and capitalization.

2. Use hard-to-guess rather than personal info like family names.

3. Try substitutions and unorthodox spellings — for example, “enjin” instead of “engine.”

4. Spell out words phonetically — for example, “fents” instead of “fence.”



5. Don't share your passwords.

6. Craft a unique password for each account.

7. Use a password manager to keep track of all of your passwords.

8. Create layers of protection with multifactor authentication.

81% of data hacks can be traced to stolen, weak or default passwords.[2]

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