

STAY SAFE WITH PASSWORDS

Everybody needs a password, otherwise if someone tries to break into your computer it makes it easier for them to access all of your files and data. This may not sound like suck a bad thing but if you experience it (after not listening to this) you will find out. So no time to lose, keep reading and load a hard password (but easy to remember) onto your computers, tablets and phones.

TIPS

DO'S AND DON'TS

Here are some tips to make sure that you know what you are doing: -

- DO – use letters and numbers
- DON'T – use less than 8 characters
- DO – use characters like brackets
- DON'T – use personal information
- DO – use a mixture of CAPITALS and lowercase
- DON'T – always do it in English

And DO choose something easy to remember!

COMMON PASSWORDS

You might have a few password ideas in your head now but don't choose anything common. Here is a question to test your family and friends with to see if they know what makes a strong password: -

What password is the one that is most commonly used by nearly everyone around the World?

- a) your name
- b) password
- c) your pet's name

The answer is (b) – password!

So there you have it, don't use password as your password as it is the easiest to guess.

DIFFERENT PASSWORDS FOR DIFFERENT ACCOUNTS

If someone does find out your password and logs into your computer, and you have the same password for all of your accounts like Ebay and Amazon, then they would easily be able to access all of your information. Here is a technique to help you create stronger and more difficult passwords for each of your accounts. If your password was *alien101*, and you had an Ebay account, then you could simply change it to: -

Ealien101Y

Put the first letter of the account you are using at the front of your current password (E) from Ebay

And also, put the last letter of the account on the end of your password (Y) from ebaY

FINAL THOUGHTS

So that's all you need to know about passwords. Please use this as a guide but you can make your password as wacky, wonderful and as weird as you like so long as it is hard to crack but easy to remember!