

Tech Tip of the Week

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Tips for Creating Strong Passwords

Strategies

- Use a string of unrelated words. If you need a number, try to place it in the middle.
 - (Example: Taco10BenchesMail)
- Use the first letter of each word in a sentence you are likely to remember.
 - (Example: I like to drive to the beach and read books all day in the sun! = Il2d2tbarbadits!)
- Create a numbered list of words. Role two dice and choose the correlating word from the list and repeat until you have four words.

Password Generators

Try using a password generator to help you make a secure password.

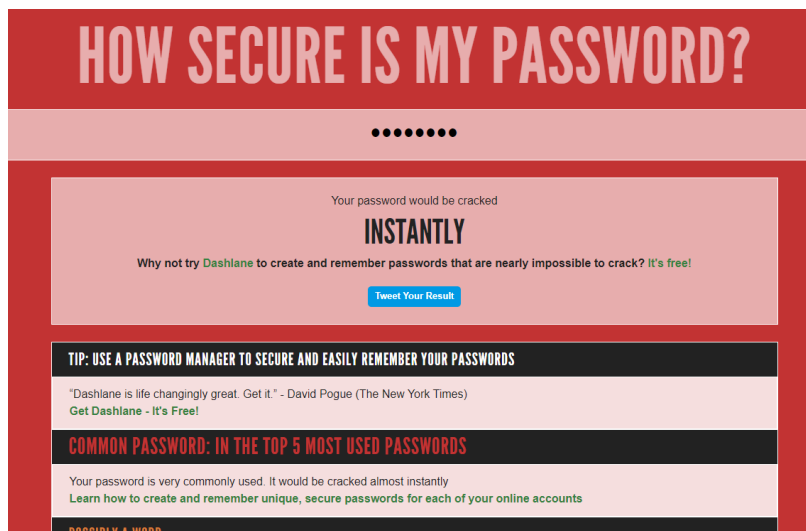
- <https://passwordgenerator.net>
- <https://identitysafe.norton.com/password-generator>
- <https://www.lastpass.com/password-generator>
- <https://www.dashlane.com/features/password-generator>

*Avoid using a generator that asks for personal information.

What to avoid

- Using only numbers
- Personal information
- Popular names of sports teams or names of people
- Using only a few characters

Visit howsecureismypassword.net to test your password.



The screenshot shows the 'How Secure is My Password?' website interface. At the top, the title 'HOW SECURE IS MY PASSWORD?' is displayed in large, white, bold letters on a red background. Below the title, a row of seven black dots indicates the password strength. The main content area has a light pink background and contains the following text: 'Your password would be cracked INSTANTLY'. Below this, a smaller line of text reads: 'Why not try Dashlane to create and remember passwords that are nearly impossible to crack? It's free!'. A blue button labeled 'Tweet Your Result' is positioned below the text. At the bottom of the screenshot, there are two dark grey boxes with white text. The first box contains a tip: 'TIP: USE A PASSWORD MANAGER TO SECURE AND EASILY REMEMBER YOUR PASSWORDS' followed by a quote: '"Dashlane is life changingly great. Get it." - David Pogue (The New York Times) Get Dashlane - It's Free!'. The second box contains the text: 'COMMON PASSWORD: IN THE TOP 5 MOST USED PASSWORDS' followed by: 'Your password is very commonly used. It would be cracked almost instantly Learn how to create and remember unique, secure passwords for each of your online accounts'. At the very bottom, the text 'POSSIBLY A WORD' is partially visible.

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Password Managers

We all have trouble remembering our passwords sometimes. Using a password manager can help and you will only need to remember one password.

- **LastPass (lastpass.com)**
 - Popular free password manager apps. Has a password generator to help you create strong passwords.
- **Dashlane (dashlane.com)**
 - Easy to use free password manager. Creates strong passwords. Does not store master passwords or password hints for better security.
- **KeePassX (keepassx.org)**
 - Free open source option. It is not as user friendly as some of the commercial alternatives. It does generate strong passwords and is frequently updated.