Top 10 Tips for Password Security

20 Know your guidelines

Your organization has its own policies for password security. Know them and push them to the limits! If they allow passwords of 8-20 characters, always make it 20.

Longer is better

New research says longer passwords are harder to guess. "Wine" is short; "1998dontdrinkwinewithbadchee$e-2002worstweddingEVER" is long.
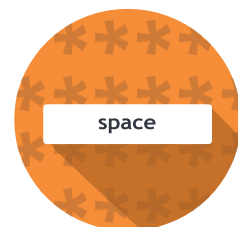
Uncommon sense

Substitute uncommon words for common ones. Try to avoid words found in dictionaries, if possible.

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Think phrases, not words

A space is just another character in a string, so long phrases with spaces are effectively single unsearchable words. A phrase like "dinosaurs don't dance disco" is unique and memorable!

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Choose something only you know

Think of something that makes sense only to you. This could be a private joke, a childhood nickname or an association only you would make.
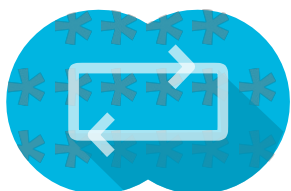
Don't write it down

Put down the Post-Its! Choose a password you can remember without writing it down. If you absolutely have to write some down, write down a hint that would only make sense to you.
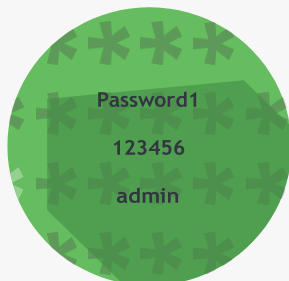
Don't repeat

Don't reuse passwords. If you've already used a password for another account, or used it previously for the same account, invent a new password.

Never share passwords

Passwords are like toothbrushes. Change them regularly and never share them with anyone!

If it hasn't worked before …

Know your common passwords. "Password1," "123456," "admin" and "qwerty" are all common passwords that hackers will always guess.

Password1
123456
admin

Don't use common substitutions

It's become common practice to replace letters with similar-looking numbers and symbols. These are known substitutions and will not help make a password stronger.

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