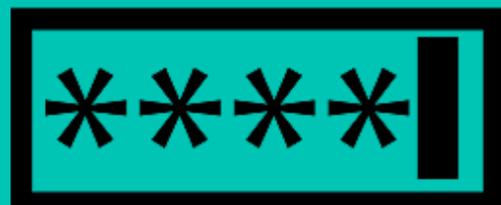


# MAKE "STRONG" PASSWORDS EVEN STRONGER

Your current password meets the minimum requirements: it's at least 8 characters, has lowercase and uppercase letters, numbers, and even a special character. But is your "strong" password strong enough? Use this checklist to make your "strong" passwords even stronger.

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## AVOID COMPLETE WORDS

Avoid using dictionary words, slang, curse words, email addresses, names, places, etc. If you insist on using a dictionary word, consider spelling it backwards. For example, turn "Colorado" to "odaroloc".

## LONGER AND STRONGER

Aim to make passwords longer, not more complex. Go beyond the eight-character minimum, and try to make your password at least 12-15 characters long.

## INCLUDE DIFFERENT SYMBOLS

If you're replacing "S" With "\$" or "A" with "@", your chances of having a hackable password increases. Instead, use symbols that are not similar to a corresponding letter or number. Try using one of these special characters: `() * & ^ % # / ; : > < . , " ? ~ ` + - _ { } [ ]`

## TRY A PASSWORD MNEMONIC

Memorizing a new password can be hard, but you can use a password mnemonic trick to make a long, strong, and easy-to-remember password. Take a meaningful phrase, sentence, song lyric, etc., and add numbers, lowercase and uppercase letters, and symbols for password complexity, like so: "I love watermelon because it just turns to water in your belly!" = "iLwmbcijtth2OiyB!"

## USE A PASSWORD GENERATOR

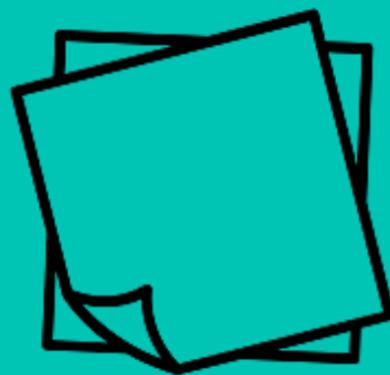
If you need help coming up with a strong password, use a password generator. Password generators create strong passwords based on the criteria of your choice: ideal length, strength, upper and lowercase letters, numbers, symbols, and phonetic pronunciation.

## TAKE A HINT

It's never a good idea to write down your password, but if you need something to help you recall your new password, write down a hint to your password that no one else will understand, and store it in a very safe place. For example, your hint could be "Juicy fruit" to remember "iLwmbcijtth2OiyB!" ("I love watermelon because it just turns to water in your belly!").

## USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

When all else fails, password managers should be your go-to solution. Password managers, like Dashlane, securely store, share, and manage passwords and other data for you, allow you to audit the strength of all of your saved passwords, and can automatically change your password for you if your account may be compromised.



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