

## What is a Secure Password?

A secure password should be virtually impossible for others to guess. It should not contain or be based on personal information.



## DIGITAL SELF DEFENSE: CONSTRUCT A SECURE, EASY-TO-REMEMBER PASSPHRASE

### TIP 1: BE CREATIVE

1. Choose a short phrase, quote, combination of several shorter words, or combine the first letters of longer phrases.
2. Change and vary the capitalization of some of the letters.
3. Replace some of the letters or words with numbers and symbols.
4. Purposefully misspell or abbreviate some of the words.
5. Tip: Longer passwords are stronger.

**EXAMPLE:** Einstein lifted a cane on Mount Rushmore = E1lftc@neMtR

### TIP 2: USE A PASSWORD SAFE

Use a password safe such as LastPass to generate a random password for you and save it securely!

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