

# PASSWORD TIPS

## Ask yourself...

**Is it long?** Try for over 10-12 characters minimum but aim to make it longer if possible.

**Is it hard to guess?** Avoid sequences (12345) these can be hacked. Also, avoid common words (“password1”) for the same reason.

### **Does it use varied character types?**

Lowercase, uppercase, symbols, and numbers can all have a home in your password. Variety can increase how unpredictable your password is.

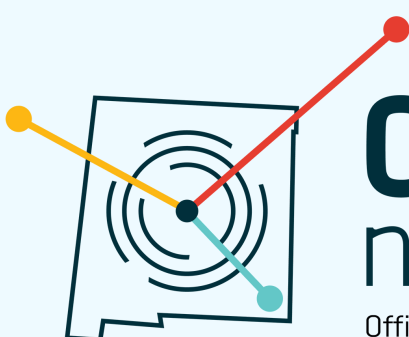
### **Does it avoid apparent character substitutes?**

For example, you might use the number zero “0” in place of the letter “O.” Hackers code these into their software nowadays, so avoid this.

### **Does it use any uncommon word combinations?**

Passphrases might be more secure when using unexpected words. Even if you are using common words, you can arrange them in an odd order and make sure they are unrelated.

**Will you remember it?** Use something that makes sense to you but will be hard for computers to guess.



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