

The Most Popular Passwords*

What are the most common (and therefore, easiest for fraudsters to guess) passwords in the world? Here's the top 10 list...plus some dishonorable mentions from the top 100, courtesy of the password management company TeamsID.

Avoid using of these or similar easy-to-guess passwords or risk having hackers stealing your account information.

The Top 10

- 1) 123456
- 2) password
- 3) 123456789
- 4) 12345678
- 5) 12345
- 6) 111111
- 7) 1234567
- 8) sunshine
- 9) qwerty
- 10) iloveyou

In the Top 100

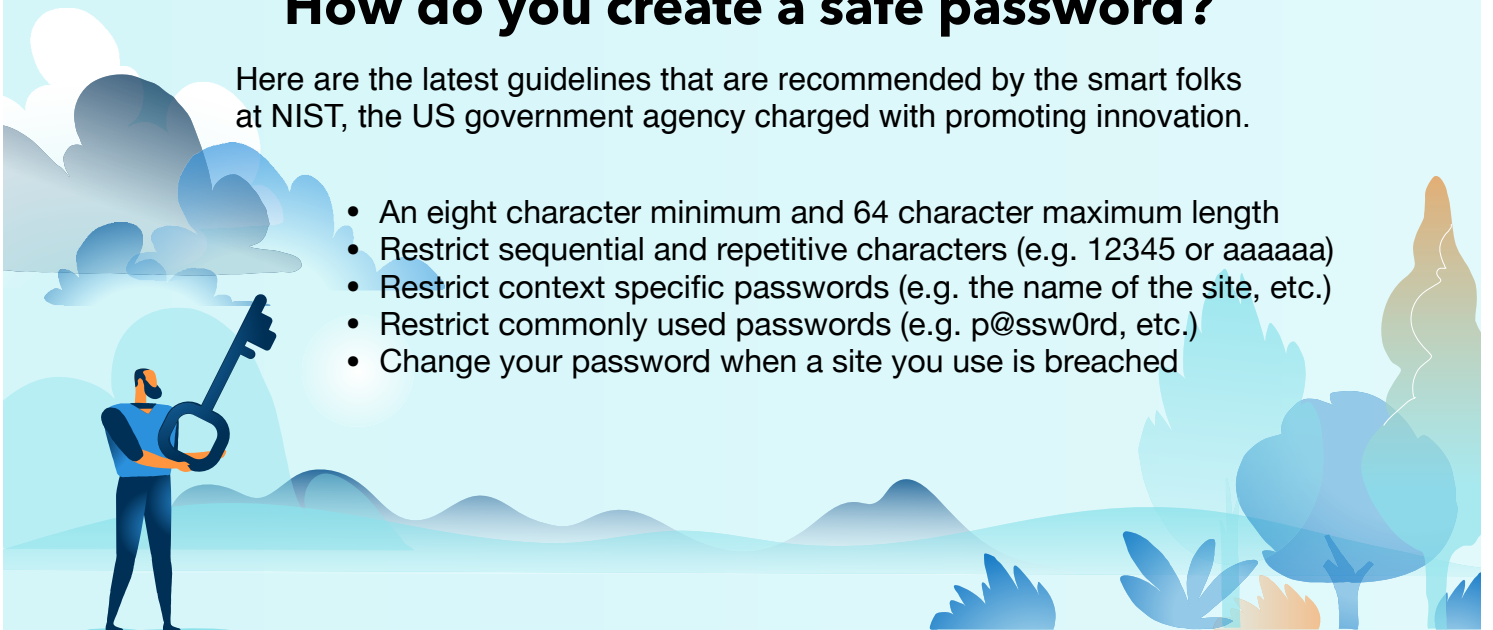
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| tigger | blahblah |
| lakers | welcome |
| banana | admin |
| whatever | princess |
| test | mercedes |
| daniel | letmein |
| cookie | passw0rd |
| starwars | baseball |
| wookie | freedom |
| ashley | donald |

*Avoid using any of these!

How do you create a safe password?

Here are the latest guidelines that are recommended by the smart folks at NIST, the US government agency charged with promoting innovation.

- An eight character minimum and 64 character maximum length
- Restrict sequential and repetitive characters (e.g. 12345 or aaaaaa)
- Restrict context specific passwords (e.g. the name of the site, etc.)
- Restrict commonly used passwords (e.g. p@ssw0rd, etc.)
- Change your password when a site you use is breached



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