Create strong passwords

You need a username and password to log into many websites. Always use strong passwords.

What does a strong password look like?

A strong password:

- is hard for other people to guess
- has 8 or more characters
- uses letters, numbers, and symbols (!@#\$%&*)
- is different than your other passwords

Do **not** use passwords that are easy to guess. Do **not** use:

- popular words or phrases
- continuous numbers (123)
- personal information

How do I protect my passwords?

- Always use different passwords (someone will not access all your accounts by learning only one password).
- Do not tell anyone your passwords.
- Do not keep your passwords where other people can see them.
- Always log out and close your browser if you share a computer or use a public computer.





How do I create a strong password?

A password generator can help you create strong passwords. Follow 5 steps to create your own strong passwords.

1. Think about a favorite song line or quote

(A book is a gift you can open again and again)

- 2. Use the first letter of each word (abiagycoaaa)
- 3. Capitalize some letters (AbiagycoaaA)
- 4. Change some letters into symbols. You can change some letters into the symbols they look like. For example, use \$ for "s" or use @ for "a".
 (Abi@gycoa@A)
- 5. Add numbers (Abi@gycoa@A5)

How do I remember my passwords?

You can use a password manager to remember and protect your passwords. Lastpass is an example of a password manager.

Do not let web browsers save your passwords. Other people can open your accounts if they have access to your phone or computer.

Watch a video to learn more:

English- <u>https://www.digitallearn.org/courses/accounts-passwords-new</u> Spanish- <u>https://www.digitallearn.org/courses/cuentas-y-contrasenas-nuevo</u>