



Patrick Henry College

Creating a Memorable Password

PASSWORD REQUIREMENTS

Passwords must be a minimum of 14 characters long, containing at least 3 of the following:

- Uppercase letter
- Lowercase letter
- Number
- Special character (*spaces are included*)

HOW TO MAKE A SECURE & MEMORABLE PASSWORD

Method 1: Create a Passphrase with Unusual Words, Symbols, & Numbers

Find a series of strange words that don't normally go together and add in numbers/special characters.

Examples:

- Cedar Horse Sunset
- 17-Funny Kitten\$

Method 2: Use a Phrase and Incorporate Shortcuts or Acronyms

Use a phrase that conveys meaning to you and shorten it.

Shortcut Example: "To be or not to be, that is the question" becomes "2BorNot2BThatIsThe?"

Acronym Example: "Wake me up before you go, take me dancing tonight" becomes "Wmubygtmd2night!"

You can use a Bible verse for this method too.

Example: Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," becomes "Matt28:19 gtamdoan"

PASSWORD DON'TS

- **Don't use personal information:** Birthdays, pet names, street names, phone numbers, or other easily accessible information should not be used for a password.
- **Don't use common passwords:** "password", "user", "1234", "abcd" and other common words or strings of letters/numbers should be avoided.
- **Don't use the same password for multiple accounts:** If your password gets compromised for one account, then this could lead to your password being compromised for all your accounts.
- **Don't leave your passwords in a visible place:** Use a reputable password management software or keep a written list in a secure location not near your computer.