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1. Don't choose predictable passwords like ascending or descending numbers or letters like 'abcjohn'.

2. Don't choose the following as your password:

\*Names

\*Birthdays

\*Familynames

\*Words from dictionary

\*Telephone numbers

\*Social security numbers

\*Street names

\*Celebrities names

3. Change your password frequently often 1-2 months.

4. Always use random letters like 'nK/Gv4sS0'.

5. Use both uppercase and lowercase letters.

6. Always use different passwords for different accounts. If you have one main password to different password protected folders keep one password for each folder.

7. Most common mistake everybody do is emailing passwords. Instead of using the utility 'Forgot password?' on login pages, write down all your passwords in a book and keep it in a safe place.

8. When ever you sign up for an account they will send you a username and password. Note them and delete the emails especially with free accounts like Yahoo and Hotmail.

9. Don't tell anyone your password. If it is a must then change it to different one.

10. Use long passwords preferably more than 6 characters. See the chart here: (Provided by tamingthebeast.com)

Password--Password Format--Time taken to track down

4 charac--lower or upper case--less than few seconds

4 charac--both lower & upper--less than few seconds

8 charac--lower or upper--approx 58 hrs

8 charac--both lower & upper--approx 7 years

10 charac--lower or upper--approx 5 years

10 charac--lower & upper--approx 4648 yrs

10 charac--lower&upper and numbers--approx 26984 yrs

10. Don't check the 'Remember the password' checkbox in your 'Enter Network password' pop up window.

TIP: See the example of the password below-

"I met two of my Friends one week back" can be chosen as password: 'Im2omF1wb'

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