

## TAKE A MINUTE FOR YOUR SAFETY

## **PASSWORD SECURITY**

Most people do not realize there are a multitude of different techniques used by hackers to crack their passwords. The beauty is that the strength of your password is up to you. Nowadays, it is common for websites to have their own minimum requirements for your password. This keeps us from getting lazy. Passwords are one of the daily nuisances you need to take seriously and learn to appreciate. This safety minute will discuss what makes and secure password and some behaviors to avoid.

## **How to Create a Secure Password**

- Do not use the same password on multiple accounts.
- Do not share passwords with anyone.
- Use three to five of the following character classes
  - Lower case letters
  - Upper case letters
  - o Numbers
  - Punctuation
  - Special characters (@#\$%^&\*)
- Use at least eight characters to create your password
- Create passwords that are easy to remember but hard to guess.
  - o "To be or not to be?" − 2b-or-Not~2B?
- Never us personal information. No birthdays or kids' names.
- Change them periodically.
- Consider using a password manager.
- Do not use the "save password" or "remember me" function.
- If the site you are logging into has a password strength analyzer, use it to your advantage.



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