

Passwords Must Be...

Long

Accounts with sensitive data must be protected with (at least) a 12-character password

Length makes it difficult for password cracking programs

Random

Predictable password are easily discovered

Use a random passphrase or three random words, characters, and numbers combined

Unique

A different password on each account is important

If one of your accounts is compromised, hackers use automated systems to check other applications for the same usernames and passwords

Private

Do not share your password or save it in an insecure browser

You are ultimately responsible for all activity on your account

Why This Matters

both Professionally and Personally

A combination of (1) people reusing passwords on more than one account, (2) people saving passwords on their unsecure Internet browsers, and (3) massive data breaches requires us to take control of our own security. Using password best practices is one such control.

Consider using a Password Manager