Tips for Secure Passwords

We all want to protect information, and that often starts with a secure password. Here are a few tips to keep each of your passwords safe:

Make each password long and strong.
The more characters in your password,
the stronger it is. Avoid words
commonly associated with UVA.

Use multiple words to create a passphrase, such as "don'T forgeT tO stomP" or "stopping-woods-rainy-morning". You can add capital letters, numbers, and special 停止 characters to make it even stronger.

Create a unique password for each account. If you can't remember them all, use a password manager. UVA provides LastPass to students, staff, and faculty.



Keep passwords a secret. Never share them with anyone, including a supervisor.



Never use public computers to log in to your online accounts.

Use two-step verification whenever possible. UVA provides Duo for multifactor authentication.

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