

PROTECT YOUR PASSWORD



Weak passwords make you an easy target. Clever cyberbullies never use their own email and IM accounts to send malicious messages. They safeguard their identities by stealing passwords – so they escape detection and their victims get the blame.

Don't be a victim of password theft - protect your password by following these simple rules:

Password Dos & Don'ts

DON'T share your password with **ANYONE**

DON'T ever write your password down (note down hints to help you remember it instead).

DON'T choose anything that could be easily guessed (dates of birth, favourite football teams/pop stars, relatives/pets names, etc)

DON'T choose words that exist in the Dictionary

DON'T choose long passwords. (Short and secure is better than long and forgettable!)

DON'T leave yourself 'logged in' to school computers

DO choose something you can definitely remember

DO use the first letters of a phrase or song (E.g. Oops I Did it Again would be oidia)

DO use real words with extra letters (e.g. hhappy)

DO add words together with numbers in the middle (e.g. fun4you)

DO keep a vigilant eye out for shoulder surfing password thieves

If you are struggling to come up with memorable non-words, try a password generator so you can choose the best one from a list:

www.smoothwall.net/password

