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How to create a hard-to-crack password

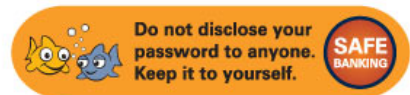
Your Internet banking password is the key that opens the door to your account. Therefore, you need to create and choose your passwords carefully and change them often.

Here are a few tips for creating good passwords:

- Avoid your name, pet name, the names of your kids, your birthday, your employee number, car number etc. Complicate them with capitals and small letters; use numbers and characters.
- Adapt an important date, the first line of your favourite song or the name of a movie. "One flew over the cuckoo's nest", for example, can get you "ofotcnest". Here, the initial letters of the words are taken, except the last word, which is retained in full.
- Do not create a password so complicated to remember that you need to write it down somewhere.
 - At the same time, never yield to the temptation of leaving your password below the mouse pad, keyboard, in your dairy or on a post-it slip stuck to your monitor!
- Soon after you receive your password, log in to your account, change the password and destroy the twin-layered security paper that brought you the password.
- Avoid typing a password in front of someone. Passwords like "kumar123456" are so easy for peepers to see and remember.



Re-set your password periodically to reduce vulnerability.



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