Use strong passwords for protection

**myWSU** passwords:

- should be strong passwords.
- are not to be shared.
- are case sensitive.
- are letters and numbers with a minimum length of 8 and a maximum length of 16.
- do not contain spaces.
- start with a letter (A-Z or a-z).
- must include at least one number (0 - 9).
- do not contain special characters.
- will expire every 90 days.
- may not be reused until it has been changed an additional six times.
- cannot be the same as **myWSU** ID

Additional password rules may be distributed at a later date.

**Strong password do’s**

- Consider using the first letter of each word in a phrase and incorporate numbers. For example:
  
  tq6fotld the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. (The letter b is replaced with the number 6)
  
  jajru4th Jack and Jill ran up 4 the hill
- Start with a dictionary word and incorporate numbers to create a non-dictionary word.
  
  ba25nner banner and the number 25
  
  fla4gpo8le flagpole and the numbers 4 and 8

**Password don’ts**

- Don’t use personal information.
- Don’t use a dictionary word.
- Should not be easy to spot. Avoid using passwords with patterns such as:
  
  a1234567 or nnnnnnnn9 or
  
  qwertyui2 (keys right next to each other).
- Should not be any of these examples.

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