PASSWORDS AND DIGITAL KEYS

Here we have collected five key pieces of advice designed to help you create strong, unique passwords, and keep them secure.

ONE

Add extra security.

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) works by adding an additional element to the log-in process. It provides a superior protection against identity theft and account takeover. If offered you should use it.



TWO

Keep unique passwords.

Having a different password for every account is vital. The more a password is reused, the greater the risk of having the credentials breached. Keeping unique passwords limits your exposure.



THREE

Take three words.

The best way to craft secure passwords you can actually recall is by taking a few random words, making them into a memorable 'phrase' and sprinkling in a mix of special characters.



FOUR

Create smart passcodes.

Research has shown that too many of us are using the same, simple four-digit passcodes on mobile devices. Spell out a unique word, with the numbers corresponding to the letters on your keypad.



FIVE

Managing passwords.

Consider using a password manager; they not only store your own passwords but generate powerful ones and retrieve them as necessary. They're available with a range of features; see which one works best for you.



If you would like to know more about creating secure passwords, and managing them effectively please read our free booklet Digital keys.





