The Most Popular Passwords*

What are the most common (and therefore, easiest for fraudsters to guess) passwords in the world? Here's the top 10 list...plus some dishonorable mentions from the top 100, courtesy of the password management company TeamsID.

Avoid using of these or similar easy-to-guess passwords or risk having hackers stealing your account information.

The Top 10

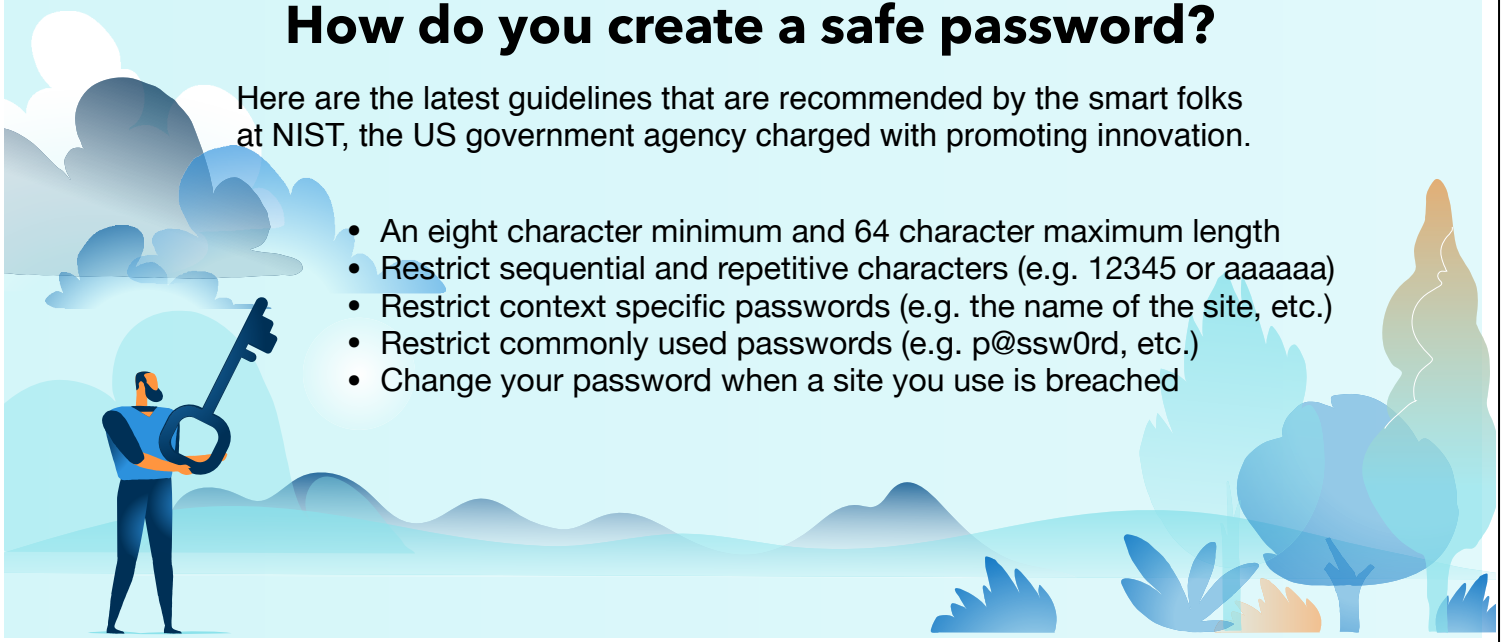
1) 123456
2) password
3) 123456789
4) 12345678
5) 12345
6) 111111
7) 1234567
8) sunshine
9) qwerty
10) iloveyou

In the Top 100

tigger	blahblah
lakers	welcome
banana	admin
whatever	princess
test	mercedes
daniel	letmein
cookie	passw0rd
starwars	baseball
wookie	freedom
ashley	donald

*Avoid using any of these!

How do you create a safe password?

Here are the latest guidelines that are recommended by the smart folks at NIST, the US government agency charged with promoting innovation.

- An eight character minimum and 64 character maximum length
- Restrict sequential and repetitive characters (e.g. 12345 or aaaaaa)
- Restrict context specific passwords (e.g. the name of the site, etc.)
- Restrict commonly used passwords (e.g. p@ssw0rd, etc.)
- Change your password when a site you use is breached