



Password Quality and Protection

Your password is the key to your accounts. Not just at One Federal Credit Union, but everywhere. If someone were to obtain your password they now have the key to do whatever they want. Access your accounts, transfer funds, create checks or make purchases. Knowing the basics on how to create a strong and secure password is vital in today's technological world. By following the steps listed below, you can help yourself become less vulnerable to password theft.

The most common mistake people make when creating a password is using information that has something to do with one's personal life that is readily available to almost anyone. These can contain the name of a spouse, child, pet or relative. Also inadvisable would be telephone numbers, city or states, a person's hometown, home address, email username or license plate number. Try to avoid using passwords with these elements if at all possible.

Refrain from using words that are in the dictionary. Password cracking programs can and do check every available word in the dictionary for a possible match, something hackers like to call "Dictionary Attacking."

The trick to creating a strong and secure password is a method called Alphanumeric. This is where you use a combination of numbers and letters, including uppercase and lowercase letters to create a password. You want to intersperse capitals with lowercase letters, use at a minimum of eight characters and try to change your password at least every 90 days.

Consider how important the key to your accounts is. One Federal Credit Union has taken strong measures to ensure your safety and security while using WebVision by deploying Multifactor Authentication. Following the steps above is crucial to ensuring the safety of all your online accounts.