

CYBER SECURITY AND YOU

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QUICK TIP:

Avoid using the same password at multiple websites! If some unscrupulous person gets a hold of your email login (which is not very difficult nowadays), they would also get your financial login. If this happens, they can now do what they want with your money.

- If you have a **Twitter account**, even if you don't tweet, your password may have been compromised last week. To make matters worse, if you use that password for other sites, bad guys may have already stolen your information or money. This is just one of many compromises that has happened in the last several months.

WHY DO I HAVE SO MANY PASSWORDS?

If you are like me, you might be asking, "is there anything I can do to help me to remember the dozens of passwords for all the sites I use?" Well, using the same password for everything is not the answer, but there is a way that you can get this done safely and only have to remember one password! Using a password manager allows you to remember one password and then have the software fill in your online passwords for you! You can (and should) use very long and complex passwords without ever having to type them. The software can generate the password and type it in automatically without you having to strain your memory.



WHICH PASSWORD MANAGER SHOULD I USE?

There are many to choose from, some are free, most are very inexpensive (in the \$10 to \$50 per year range). To answer the "which to use" question, you need to determine which platforms you use. Make sure it handles your needs: IOS, Android, Windows, or MAC. Look for support for your browser on each platform: Edge, Chrome, Safari, or IE.

There are many to choose from and the list changes often. A simple Google search of "password manager reviews 2018" will provide all the information and choices you need to start making your browsing safer and a more satisfying experience. You may also ask us in IT for our professional opinion before making your selection. We will be happy to help.

