

Protect Your Stuff: Family Activity

We know that some things need to be kept private. This is something that can be hard for younger children to understand. They may think it is OK to share passwords with their best friends and they probably won't know that some people online try to cause others harm and steal their information.

This activity will help your child understand how to keep some information private and secure online.

'Strong password' recipe



Start with a quick chat. Ask your child if they think password123 is a 'strong' (secure) password. Discuss why it is important to have a password that you can remember but that nobody else can guess.

Together, write your own recipe for a strong password, including all the 'ingredients' needed to build a secure password for online accounts and instructions for how to create the password.

E.g. Ingredients:

3 capital letters

4 or more lower case letters

2 symbols

1 number

Quick guide

Here are some quick tips to guide your family discussion:

Try to create a different password for each online account so they are not all the same.

Do not share passwords with anyone, even your best friend.

A weak password is one that is easy to guess like your pets name.

Include a mix of capital letters and lowercase.

Avoid using your pet's name, date of birth and other obvious information that may make it easy for others to guess the password.

Include numbers and symbols to make it harder to guess or to 'hack' (a hacker is someone who tries to get access to someone's information without permission).

Use a short sentence instead of one word so it is hard for others to guess but easy for you to remember.

Now play the **Interland** game together. Visit the **Tower of Treasure** where you need to outrun the hacker and build a fortress with strong passwords to protect your stuff.

Open a web browser on your desktop or mobile device (e.g., tablet), and visit [g.co/TowerOfTreasure](https://www.google.com/interland/toweroftreasure)