

### PROTECT YOUR PASSWORD!

Strong passwords protect you against cybercrime.

**Weak passwords** can be cracked and used to compromise your accounts, commit fraud or steal your identity.

Passwords are personal — never share your passwords with anyone.



#### THINK PASSWORDS

#### THINK PASSPHRASES



A passphrase is a string of words.

Make them memorable – like
"NTsunsetsare2Golden>"





- Use passphrases or strong passwords with at least 12 different characters and a mix of upper and lower case, numbers and symbols.
- 2. Create complex and unique passwords for different accounts and websites.
- 3. Use more complex passwords on your most sensitive accounts like online banking and social media accounts.
- 4. Use Multi Factor authentication on sensitive accounts – like your bank account.
- 5. Change your passwords immediately if you think your password or account has been compromised.

- 1. Don't share your password with anyone.
- X 2. Don't use the same personal password for different private accounts.
- X 3. Don't use common dictionary words, your street address or number sequences, or information from your social media profile (like your children's or pet's names).
- X 4. Don't use the 'remember my password' function on websites.
- X 5. Don't store your passwords in easily accessible areas, like under your keyboard, or in your email.

## Remember Email phishing?

A common email phish is a fake IT Support email with links to a form to update your password.

A Service Centre or IT Support will never ask you for your password.

Don't be phished! Never share your password with anyone.



# What is Multi Factor Authentication?

Multi Factor provides a multi-step check to prove your identity. The most common type is to send a code to your mobile phone.

Multi Factor protects your financial transactions if your password has been compromised because online

transfers cannot be processed without the code. **Check the security and privacy settings** of your online accounts to switch on Multi Factor



See cyber.gov.au for more information on cyber security.

Authentication.

