



## MyLO Choosing Your Password

There are a number of things to remember when choosing a password:

Do your friends know you well enough to guess the password you would use. For example, someone who's mad about football and supports Manchester United might choose 'manu' as a password. This might be too easy for someone else to guess. You may consider changing the 'a' in 'manu' to a '4'. Which does look a bit like an 'a', so you get 'm4nu' as a password which is not as easy to guess.

**Manchester United = manu = m4nu**

Some people choose a pets name as a password, but make it more difficult to guess by adding your pets' age to their name. So you might have 'Tigger5'

You might want to use a number that you can remember, like your telephone number. But who else knows your telephone number, and could guess that you use it for your password. So you could have your telephone backwards or with two numbers switched, this would be more difficult for someone to guess.

You might want to come up with a password that has nothing to do with your interests, pets or personal numbers. Computer programmers often use a mixture of keys on their keyboards. For example, if you start with the number '3' and follow the shape of a 'V' on your keyboard you get '3edcft6', get it? A mixture of random letters and numbers will always be more difficult to guess than a football team name or a telephone number.

Oh, and before you chose one of the passwords above, they are all taken, they're mine - oops, I forgot to tell you, Once you chose a password, keep it a secret!