

## Hacker Prevention

Hackers are becoming smarter and software is becoming more complex as the creators of software for security adds more features to try to prevent hacking.

My suggestion:

1. At the first of the month, every month. Change the passwords for your email, your financial sites and your computer logon if you're using one.
2. Never, ever store your passwords..create a list if necessary until you remember the password, but don't clip the list to your computer. Keep it in a close by secure place.
3. Never, ever respond to any email that claims to be from your bank, your email or your financial accounts. Instead call the number you have for that account that is in YOUR phone number book and ask if there is a problem.
4. Never, ever give anyone your password no matter what they claim to need it for.
5. Every week open your anti-virus program and update it and then run a full scan on all files. Do the same with your anti-spyware program.
6. If you're using a router, never give that WPA or WEP pass code to anyone.
- 7 and this is the secret...always use STRONG passwords and don't use the same one. A strong password is one that contains
  - a. at least 1 Capitol letter (not the first letter),
  - b. at least 1 number
  - c. at least 1 symbol
  - d. at least 8 characters but preferably 10

Example of a STRONG password      &team16 Rules%

If you follow these rules, you should never have a hacker get into your computer.

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