

OVERVIEW

Children learn more complex ways to create a strong password, and review the importance of keeping a password private.

PROGRAM GOAL

Enhance the ability of children to protect their personal information on the Internet.

MATERIALS

- computer lab or computer connected to an LCD projector or television monitor
- "UYN: The Password Rap" show
- password handout (attachment 1)
- "Clicky's Picture Puzzle" game
- whiteboard and markers, or chalkboard and chalk

TIME

20 to 25 minutes

INTERNET SAFETY MESSAGE

I will never share personal information such as my address, my telephone number, my parents' or guardian's work address/telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents' or guardian's permission.

ACTIVITY

Review all that has been discussed in previous password activities. Show "UYN: The Password Rap" and invite the children to sing along. Tell the children that there are two more ways to make their passwords stronger. Mention that Clicky talks about both of them, and see if anyone can name them. Answers include mix it up and make a song.

You can choose just one word (with numbers) to be your password, but you can also choose a group of words, a rhyme, sentence, or words to a song. Take the first letter of each word and use THAT for your password.

Write the sentence "Pickles And Mayonnaise Is My Favorite Ice Cream" on the whiteboard. Capitalize the first letter of every word.

What would the password be for this sentence?

Circle the first letter of every word as the kids point them out and read the letters aloud. *Now let's try a rhyme, "Mayonnaise And Pickles Makes Me Tickle." MAPMMT. Have a few kids make up their own.*

Point out that Clicky put numbers in the middle of his password by replacing the words "one" and "two" with the numbers 1 and 2.

Pass out the handout (attachment 1) and explain that it is kind of like a cheat sheet: it has the basic guidelines for making a strong password, and a place for them to create a strong password. *Show this sheet to your parents or guardian and have them help you create a strong password.*

If there is time left, the group can either compete to see who can unscramble "Clicky's Picture Puzzle" the fastest, or continue making up silly acronyms and songs.

This activity card builds on concepts learned in "UYN: The Password Rap 1 and 2."

For more information about passwords, please visit www.staysafeonline.info, sponsored by the National Cyber Security Alliance.

MAKING A GREAT PASSWORD

Making up a strong, safe password is one of the best things you can do to help keep yourself safer on the Internet. Your password protects your personal information.

1. Make sure your password is 8 characters long and has letters **AND** numbers.
2. Make sure it **DOESN'T** include any personal information, like your
 - name
 - age
 - address, street, or town
 - school name or mascot
 - pet's name
3. You definitely **DON'T** want your password to be something so complicated that you are always forgetting it. Make a rap, rhyme, or song to remember it.
4. This password is **ONLY** for you and your parents or guardian. Letting people have your password is like giving them a key to your house.

Use this sheet to think of awesome passwords with your parents or guardian.

The most important thing is, if nobody can guess your password, then nobody can steal it! Now get to work.