

"Change your password tag"

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Also this year emphasizes the Bavarian State Commissioner for the Privacy the importance of choosing secure passwords and gives tips on this.

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For many years, "stolen" access data has been published or sold for accounts. In many cases it will be facilitated by insufficiently secure passwords. Nevertheless leads - as in the previous year - the number sequence "123456" the list of popular ten German passwords, which are published by the Hasso Plattner Institute every year is published.

Prof. Dr. Thomas Petri: "Just imagine what exactly it would mean for you personally if your data was insecure, easy-to-break passwords fall into the wrong hands. As a result, sensitive data may also be affected, such as bank details information or private chat content. Well-chosen passwords are a building block with which you can contribute to the protection of your data. I therefore dare to use the "Change your password tag" to change your access data to make access data more secure. Protecting your privacy is worth investing a little time."

What you should pay particular attention to when choosing passwords:

Use passwords with at least eight characters. To use Please also use upper and lower case letters, digits and special sign.

Avoid passwords that are directly related to you, such as the name of family members or a pet.

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The Bavarian State Commissioner for Data Protection informed



Avoid passwords that consist of characters that are on the keyboard next to each other (e.g. "123456" or "QWERTZ").

Avoid (pass)words that are in the dictionary or in another dictionary are listed.

Do not use the same password for different ones Services.

Change default passwords.

Reduce the security of the password you choose not with a simple answer to a security question that

Allows password reset. Do not use any information that is easy to guess or otherwise research are, such as names of family members.

Use the two-

factor authentication. This usually means that next to the

Password is another independent factor required to login.

This can be a further authentication via an SMS

transmitted PIN or possession of an object such as a security

trade health tokens.

If you have additional accounts for credential reset

use, protect them with strong passwords as well.

Delete accounts and all data on Internet services that you

no longer need.

Prof. Dr. Thomas Petri

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