

## 'Donald' makes annual list of worst passwords of the year

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Want a strong online password to protect your personal information? You should probably avoid drawing inspiration from President Donald Trump.



For the first time, 'donald' made software company SplashData's annual list of the Top 100 worst passwords, coming in at No. 23.

"Sorry, Mr. President, but this is not <u>fake news</u>—using your name or any common name as a password is a dangerous decision," SplashData CEO Morgan Slain said in a statement. "Hackers have great success using celebrity names, terms from <u>pop culture</u> and sports, and simple keyboard patterns to break into accounts online because they know so many people are using those easy-to-remember combinations."

Several other common names, such as "william" (No. 96), "sophie" (No. 51) and "daniel" (No. 34), also appeared on the list.

Topping off the list of terrible passwords were "123456789" at No. 3, "password" at No. 2 and "123456" at No. 1. This year marked the fifth-straight year that "123456" and "password" kept their top two spots on the list, SplashData said.

SplashData compiled its list by evaluating over five million leaked passwords to determine which passwords were used the most. The company estimates 10 percent of people have used at least one of the 25 worst passwords on this year's list, with roughly 3 percent using the worst password, "123456."

Below is a list of the top 25 worst passwords of 2018. SplashData's entire list is on their site.

Top 25 worst passwords of 2018

- 1. 123456
- 2. password



- 3. 123456789
- 4. 12345678
- 5. 12345
- 6. 111111
- 7. 1234567
- 8. sunshine
- 9. qwerty
- 10. iloveyou
- 11. princess
- 12. admin
- 13. welcome
- 14. 666666
- 15. abc123
- 16. football
- 17. 123123
- 18. monkey
- 19. 654321



- 20.!@#\$%^&\*
- 21. charlie
- 22. aa123456
- 23. donald
- 24. password1
- 25. qwerty123

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