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CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH: COMMON PASSWORDS

The past two years have been particularly devastating for data security worldwide, with a number of well-publicised hacks, data breaches and extortion attempts.

Annually [SplashData](#) publishes a list of the most common passwords. The list is created using data from more than five million passwords that were leaked by hackers in 2018 and with a quick glance at the list, one thing is clear - we do not learn from our mistakes.

People continue to use easy-to-guess passwords to protect their information. For example, "123456" and "password" retain their top two spots on the list—for the fifth consecutive year and variations of these two "worst passwords" make up six of the remaining passwords on the list.

[SplashData](#) estimates almost 10% of people have used at least one of the 25 worst passwords on this year's list, and nearly 3% of people have used the worst password - 123456.

Here is the list of the top 10 passwords of 2018:

1. **123456**
2. **password**
3. **12345678**
4. **qwerty**
5. **12345**
6. **123456789**
7. **letmein**
8. **1234567**
9. **football**
10. **iloveyou**

*Another typical example is **1q2w3e4r5t**. Although it seems very cryptic, one look at a computer keyboard and it's easy to guess.*

It is a sobering fact that most people still underestimate the importance of having a secure password, and still make mistake to use simple words or numbers as a password.

"Passwords are the only control you have to secure your data with most systems these days. If your password is easily guessed by someone, then the person essentially becomes you. Use the same password across services and devices, and they can take over your digital identity." Shaun Murphy, CEO of [SNDR](#).

In the next post of our Cyber Aware Month series, we look at how to create a strong password you can remember.

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