

Secure Computing

Antivirus

Marshall University Computing Security requires the use of antivirus software.

In addition, you are strongly encouraged to set your AV for automatic updates. Only by remaining current with virus definitions can assure that your computer and the entire MU network is secure.

[Symantec® Endpoint Protection](#)

Operating System Updates

Before connecting your computer to the Marshall Network (MUNet) you will need to update your computer's operating system. Security updates help shield your computer from vulnerabilities, viruses, worms, and other threats.

Password Security

Never share your password.

Never allow anyone to logon to or use your username.

Don't even share a password with your supervisor.

Avoid writing your password down.

Change your password frequently.

Creating a Password

Do:

- Have both upper and lower case letters.
- Have digits and/or punctuation characters as well as letters.
- Are easy to remember, so they do not have to be written down.
- Are seven or eight characters long.
- Can be typed quickly, so someone else cannot look over your shoulder and learn it.

Do Not Include:

- Personal information such as your name, phone number, social security number, birth date or address. Even names of acquaintances and the like should not be used.
- Any word in the dictionary, or based closely on such a word (such as a word spelled backwards).
- A word with letters simply replaced by digits. For example, bl0wf1sh is not a strong password.
- Letter/number combinations that are easy to spot while you're typing them in. Passwords like 12345, qwerty (i.e., all keys right next to each other), or nnnnnn should be avoided.