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Is paying for a password manager worth it?

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- ☐ **List the devices you use.** Note whether they're all Apple, all Android or a mix. A mix of iPhone and Android is the strongest case for a paid manager.
 - ☐ **Turn on your built-in manager today.** Use Apple Passwords on iPhone, iPad and Mac, or Google Password Manager on Android and Chrome, for free.
 - ☐ **Run the password check.** Open the security or checkup section in your manager and change any password it flags as weak, reused or leaked.
 - ☐ **Make your master password at least 15 characters.** The ACSC recommends 15 characters or more, and multi-factor authentication on the manager itself.
 - ☐ **Use passkeys where offered.** Save them in your manager instead of creating a new password.
 - ☐ **Try a paid plan before paying.** 1Password has a 14-day trial with no credit card. Bitwarden offers free trials of Families, Teams and Enterprise, plus a permanent free plan.
 - ☐ **For a business, choose a business plan.** Bitwarden Teams and 1Password Business let you add and remove staff access centrally.
 - ☐ **Set up emergency access.** If you choose Bitwarden Premium or Families, nominate someone who can reach your vault if you can't.
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