Password security

Is it possible to have a password no one can break?
Technically? No. But it’s definitely possible to come up with a password that would take so long to break that the sun would explode first.

How do I pick a strong password?
A strong password should be long. Consider adding different characters, numbers and symbols for extra strength. Never reuse a password, since old passwords are often exposed in data breaches.

What’s one good password tip?
Use passphrases, not just passwords. A sentence or a phrase is easier for you to remember than a string of nonsense characters, and the length makes it harder to break!

What kinds of things should a password include?
That really depends on what your organization suggests. Long passwords using symbols are usually quite strong, but your organization may have specific guidelines for what they consider safest.

How do I keep my password from being stolen?
Data breaches happen. It’s a fact of life. But you can help limit the damage by never revealing your password to anyone and not recording it anywhere someone can see.

For any questions, contact the UC Office of Information Security at infosec@ucmail.uc.edu