## What is a master password?

In Firefox, a master password is a single password that protects all of the passwords and credentials stored in the Firefox Password Manager and the Firefox Certificate Manager. By setting a master password that only you know, you'll ensure that you're the only person who can use the passwords and credentials (including your ECA certificate) stored in the browser.

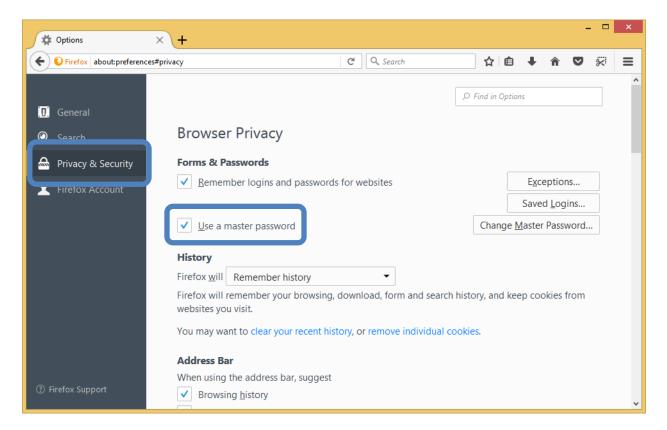
## Why should I use a Master Password?

Your ECA certificate is a digital credential that asserts your identity, like a passport or a driver's license. The government's ECA Certificate Policy **requires** you to protect your certificate with a password, to keep that password secure, and not to share the password (or your certificate) with anybody else.

## How do I set a Master Password?

It only takes a minute to set a master password! Follow these steps:

- 1. Click the menu button = and then click 🌣 Options
- In the left hand column, select Privacy & Security and check the box labeled "Use a master password"



3. A dialog box named "Change Master Password" will appear. Type and then confirm your password. (Type it twice.)

*Note*: The password quality meter is a guideline to help you choose a password. Filling the entire bar is helpful, but not a requirement. We suggest the password contain a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols. Make it complex enough that it will be difficult for others to guess, but simple enough that you'll be able to remember it. ORC *cannot* reset this for you if you forget it!

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4. When you click "OK", a box will appear indicating that the password was set. Well done! You've greatly increased the security of your ECA certificate!

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