

Tips to create a strong password ^[1]

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University policy states new passwords must have a minimum of 12 characters (ETA: as of 2023) and include: a lowercase letter, a capital letter, a number, and a special character (such as \$, #, or !). Passwords cannot contain words that can be found in a dictionary or parts of the user's own name.

Some tips to make your password stronger are:

- Longer passwords are better. The US Department of Defense requires a minimum of 15 characters in a password, which is a good rule to follow.
- Don't use the same password for multiple sites.
- Don't use pet or children's names.
- You can make a password that appears random by making up a passphrase that means something to you, and only using the first letter of each word. For example, the phrase "My first job in 94 was delivering pizzas!" could become the secure password "M1stji94wdP!"
- Keep your password to yourself, and don't create opportunities for someone else to steal your information:
 - Don't tell other people your password.
 - Don't write your password down.
 - Don't allow your browser to save your credentials or automatically fill your credentials for you. If you can log in automatically, so can anyone else with your device.

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