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BEST PASSWORD TIPS

Security starts at the password. Use these tips to help your employees create better passwords, keeping your data safe!

Make Them Complex

Use a combination of uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers and symbols to make them trickier to guess.

10 Character Minimum

The shorter they are, the easier they are to crack. The longer they are, the more time it takes to crack them and ultimately makes it harder. Unless you use 12345678910 as your password. Don't do that!

Use Passphrases

Longer than a password and uses a series of words that go together but are not hard to guess.

Change Them Often

Change them frequently, no more than every 90 days with the same password. Your employees might not be thrilled but at least your data will be more secure!

Don't Reuse Passwords

Don't use the same password for your system logon, email, online banking, Facebook, Twitter, and Amazon. Guess one and you guess them all which can be bad for business!

Don't Try to Be Clever

There is a reason that there is a top 25 worst password list that is released every year. Don't use pa\$\$word, qwerty, or my personal favorite 1qaz2wsx. Can you say nightmare?

Use a Password Manager

Password Managers, like LastPass or 1PassWord, accomplish 2 awesome things. First, they remember your passwords for you! Sweet! Second, they have a password generator built in, taking the thinking out of it. More Sweet!

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