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Strong Password and Passphrases

Protecting your important data with simple passwords like “Kitty” or “2457” is not secure. A strong password or passphrase has at least 8 characters made up of numbers, uppercase, lowercase, and special characters in an easy to remember passphrase such as “Shop@12Noon!”. Go to the [Password Guidance from NIST](#) website to watch a short 1-minute NIST video about Strong Passwords. Current guidance is 15 character passwords for accounts not protected by MFA.



Learn more at [Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2021 - Creating Passwords Tip Sheet \(cisa.gov\)](#)

Best Practices