# Current Standard User Password Policy

Length: 8 characters

Minimum complexity requirements are some combination* of the following:

- 1 special character
- 1 lower case
- 1 upper case
- 1 number
- Cannot include first or last name, SSN, UAID, or username

Expiration: 400 days

# Problems with this Policy

Short passwords take less time to crack

Complexity requirements (like "@ut0Mat2!") make passwords easy for a computer to crack but harder for humans to remember

Since it's hard to remember complicated passwords, people tend to:

- Reuse them
- Choose weak passwords, ie "November2024!"

# UA is moving to Passphrases

Longer than a standard password

Easy for humans to remember

Hard for computers to guess

Keep for a longer period of time

Sandy pumpkin 1776   18 characters

# New Standard User Password Policy

Effective Date: January 2025

16 characters

Complexity requirements:

    No more than four repetitive or sequential characters  (e.g. aaaaa,12345, abcde)

- May not contain user's first or last name or assigned UA username

Expiration: 730 days