Password Change Project

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Overview

Strong passwords are essential to protecting you and the university, and in our continued effort to better safeguard our data and resources, UCSF leadership is asking you to strengthen your passwords and password management practices.

In May 2018, the UCSF IT Governance Steering Committee approved a policy change requiring all UCSF network (Active Directory/email) passwords have 12 characters with three degrees of complexity (uppercase, lowercase, numbers, symbols; choose three).
Starting in summer 2018, UCSF IT will begin requiring password changes for all UCSF network (Active Directory/email) accounts. This change will be phased in over several months. We are providing [new password tools](#) to help you change your password and manage your accounts.

**What to expect**

You will receive an email to your UCSF email address notifying you that it is time to change your UCSF network (Active Directory/email) login. The email will contain steps and online resources to walk you through the process.

If you do not change your password after receiving the first email, you will receive 3 reminders before your password expires.

We encourage you to change your password as soon as possible after you are notified to maintain UCSF network access and avoid disruption to your work.

**Timeline**

**May 2018**

- 12-character password policy change approved by the UCSF IT Governance Steering Committee. Change goes into effect.
- Any newly created accounts or people who voluntarily change their passwords will need to use 12 characters.

**Summer 2018**

Required password changes begin and will continue over several months.

**More information**

Please continue to check [https://it.ucsf.edu/security](https://it.ucsf.edu/security) for the most up-to-date information about the password change project as well as other IT security enhancements.

Managing Your Passwords [1]

UCSF Password Management Tool [3]

**GET IT HELP.** Contact the Service Desk online, or phone 415.514.4100

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[Links:](#)

[1] https://it.ucsf.edu/services/managing-your-passwords
[2] https://it.ucsf.edu/security
[3] https://it.ucsf.edu/services/ucsf-password-management-tool