

## Compliance Today – June 2022 Password conundrum

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There's an app for just about everything these days. Online banking, games, email, services, shopping, and even accessing your health records require a password to enter. Each application asks you to supply a secret password that stops other people from entering without your permission. The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency experts guide us to create a strong, complex password that is difficult for others (hackers) to guess.<sup>[1]</sup> Every application has rules for creating what it construes to be a strong and complex password. Some dictate at least eight characters but fewer than 12. Others ask for at least one capital letter, a number, and a symbol. Some have a combination of each. Added to the recommendation that passwords are unique, the user has the conundrum of remembering and storing potentially dozens of passwords.



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