



# It's time to change your password

Are you still using the default password that came with your point of sale (POS) terminal? Or, using 12345 or password1? If so, you need to change it right away to protect your customers' confidential payment card data. Passwords are an easy way for criminals to sneak in to access information if not updated from the default or, if passwords are too simple, it can also make it easy for data thieves to break in.



The idea of changing your passwords may be overwhelming. You want it to be something easy for you and for your employees to remember, while also keeping unwanted predators out. Complex passwords don't have to be complicated. Look at the chart below:

## Password time to crack

**bigmac = 0.077 seconds**  
(not a dictionary word)



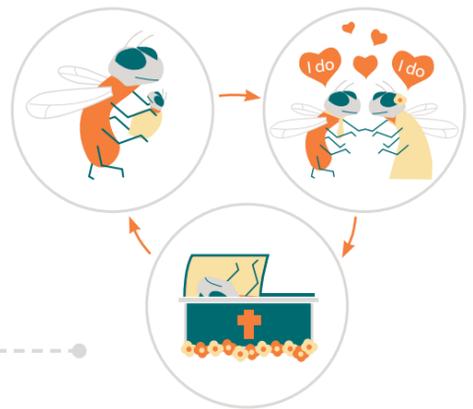
**B1gMac = 14 seconds**  
(uppercase, lowercase, number)

**B1gMac1 = 14 minutes**  
(7 characters)



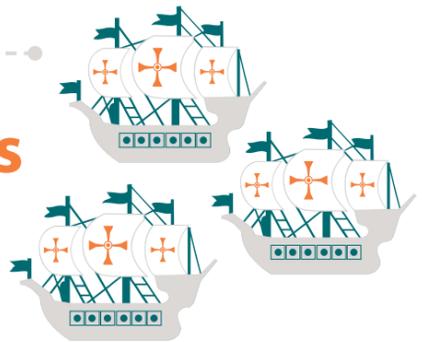
**leB1gMac = 15 hours**  
(8 characters)

**B1gMac399 = 39 days**  
(9 characters)



**B1gMacfries = 412 years**  
(11 characters)

**Bigmacandfries = 511 years**  
(14 characters, but only letters)



**B1gMac&fries = 344,000 years**  
(12 characters)

As you can see, just adding a number or capitalization, or both, can make a huge difference. Take one step closer to protecting payment card data and change your passwords now.



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