

Passwords on the Burton u3a website

Passwords on a u3a SiteWorks website must be between 8 and 64 characters and include a mix of uppercase, lowercase, numbers, and punctuation. A minimum of 12 characters is recommended.

Here's a full breakdown of the password requirements for SiteWorks:

Password Criteria

- **Length:** Must be *between 8 and 64 characters*. However, **12 characters is the recommended minimum** for better security.
- **Character Types:** Must include *at least one* of each of the following:
 - **Uppercase letter** (A–Z)
 - **Lowercase letter** (a–z)
 - **Number** (0–9)
 - **Punctuation mark** (e.g., !, ?, @, #)
- **Obfuscation Required:** If using the “Three Word Approach” (e.g., “BlueTigerDance”), you must add obfuscation—such as numbers or punctuation—to meet the above criteria.
- **No Personal References:** Passwords should *not include* the person's name, the name of the u3a, or their role (e.g., “ChrisBurtonEditor” would be rejected).
- **Initial Passwords:** These are sent via email and must be changed after first login.
- **Password Managers:** The “Remember Me” function should be avoided. Instead, use a secure password manager or browser-based solution that is regularly updated.

Security Enforcement

- The SiteWorks configuration plugin **enforces these rules strictly**—non-compliant passwords will be rejected.
- Some generators (including WordPress's default) may fail to meet the criteria, especially by omitting punctuation or numbers.
- SiteWorks also uses plugins like Loginizer to protect against brute-force attacks.

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