

# Re: Mass change passwords on service and scheduled tasks

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Here's an example of a set of Password Policies that you can "promise" to the SOX auditors.

Policy #1: We will force a password change of Accounts that represent employees every 60 days

Policy #2: We will force a password change of maintenance accounts that do not represent employees (eg. Administrator accounts) every 120 days. (or whatever you choose).

Policy #3: We will enforce stronger password complexity for Service Accounts not used for employee logins. Accounts will not have a forced password change policy (or you could force an Annual change every 365 days).

Then SOX auditors would expect you to follow these policies.

In other words be more specific in your "promises" and be careful not to shoot yourself in the foot. If you feel it will take an "act of congress" to alter the policies that have been set then,...that is no excuse to not do it,...it just means "congress" needs to get busy and do a better job on the second try.

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