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## Important Customer Notice

ACT strives to keep prices as low as possible but we must keep up with rising costs from our content providers that strive to bring you new and exciting shows. ACT will be increasing rates for the Basic Cable package to \$49.95. Elwood customers with CableTV/High Speed Internet Bundle, your price will be increasing by \$10. These new rates will be effective October 1, 2016.

This year ACT worked very hard to expand our premium channel offering to include 15 HBO and Cinemax channels in high quality digital video clarity and stereo. Our current premium channel pricing will remain unchanged this year at \$15.95 for HBO, \$12.95 for Cinemax and \$24.95 for the combo package.

Be sure to check out **WatchTVEverywhere** at [www.watchtveverywhere.com/learnmore.php](http://www.watchtveverywhere.com/learnmore.php).  
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## IMPORTANT HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Here are a few safety tips to ensure everyone has a safe Halloween this year:

- Have kids wear glow sticks or carry a flashlight with them. Glow sticks can be fun for children as now they come in many colors and are sold as necklaces or bracelets too.
- If you see a car coming, even slowly, be sure to make eye contact with them before crossing the street.
- If you are driving, take extra time to make sure there are no children near your vehicle and drive slowly.
- Be sure that costumes fit and do not drag around the feet, trips and falls could quickly ruin a good Halloween night.
- Keep a watchful eye on kids if you are trick or treating with them. Distractions during this exciting time such as texting on cell-phones should be avoided.

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# Five tips to creating a stronger password



Hackers have a whole range of tools to get at your personal data. The best defense is a good offense when it comes to keeping your information safe, and choose a strong, secure password.

One way to gain access to your information is through the use of a Brute Force Attack. This happens when a specially written piece of software is used to attempt to log into a site using your credentials. Some sites you access such as your Bank have good security, so hackers most likely will not attack them. However, other sites like an e-mail greeting cards site, or e-commerce sites you've shopped at might not be as well secured. Now, all the hacker has to do now is run the special software on their server. Once the hacker has obtained several login + password pairings they can then go back and test them on targeted sites.

Three things determine the speed at which this occurs, the length and complexity of your password, the speed of the hacker's computer, and the speed of the hacker's Internet connection. Adding just one capital letter and one symbol would change the processing time for an 8 character password from 2.4 days to 2.1 centuries.

People often just don't care about this until it's too late and they've learned a very hard lesson. Why don't you do yourself a favor and take preventative measures and strengthen your passwords, and sleep a little better tonight.

## Passwords should be:

- At least 8 characters long
- Contain at least one number
- Contain at least one capital letter
- Contain at least one special character (or symbol)
- Not be a real word, name or anything that would be relatively easy to guess

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**Think of a phrase that you can remember.** Once you have chosen the phrase, use a character from each word. Use capital letters where appropriate. Example: "I met Susan Morris at Lincoln High School in 1991" Password: lmsMaLHSi#91

**An easy way to make each password unique,** is to add a letter or two to the password based on the name of the site you are logging into.

Example: \*Amazon: almsMaLHSi#91z  
\*Google: glmsMaLHSi#91  
\*Twitter: tImSMaLHSi#91

### Change your passwords if and when:

- There has been any type of security threat on the site or system.
- You have lost the device that has passwords stored on it.
- Someone else gets knowledge of your password.
- Even if none of this happens, it is wise to change your passwords every few months.

**Consider using a Password Manager such as Password Genie from SecureIT.** Password managers store and enter passwords for you. You can create strong passwords (or let them generate random ones) and all you need to remember is the password manager's password.