BE SMART

HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS

CHECK Please!

Be Safe. Be Smart. Be Kind.

DO WHAT’S RIGHT ONLINE

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Before we believe and share, CHECK PLEASE!

Here’s our checklist of 6 tips to help you stay smart on the Internet.

01 QUESTION THE SOURCE
Make sure that you obtain your information from a credible source with a good reputation. Check the URL to make sure it’s not a hoax site.

02 VERIFY THE INFORMATION
Cross-check with other reliable sources and websites to see if the same story is running on all of them.

03 EXAMINE THE PAGES
Fake websites often do not have “About Us” or “Contact Us” pages, or have limited helpful information on them. If you’re still unsure, you should also check the author’s background for credibility.

04 CHECK THE LANGUAGE
Look out for grammar or spelling mistakes. These could suggest that the site is not credible.

05 READ BEYOND THE HEADLINES
Some headlines are sensationalised to attract more readers. Always read through the entire article before forming any conclusions.

06 ASK THE EXPERTS
To get help to verify the accuracy of Singapore-based information, you can go to websites such as Factually (www.gov.sg/factually), Snopes (www.snopes.com), or write in to The Straits Times at askST@sph.com.sg. For assistance to find credible sources, you can email the National Library Board Reference Point at ref@nlb.gov.sg

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