



BE SMART LEARN ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF FAKE NEWS

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DO WHAT'S RIGHT ONLINE

-  **QUESTION**
the source
-  **VERIFY**
the information
-  **CHECK**
with experts

 **CHECK
Please!**
Be Safe. Be Smart. Be Kind.



Before we believe and share, **CHECK PLEASE!**

Understand the possible dangers of believing falsehoods and stay smart on the Internet.

01 **STIRS FEAR**

Stories about fake dangers (e.g. a brand is producing poisonous food) can stir fear in people. They might spread the story to their friends and family out of genuine concern and cause undue panic.

02 **WASTES RESOURCES**

If the story is about an emergency or crime, authorities (e.g. the police, fire department, and emergency medical services) waste precious time and manpower responding to it.

03 **RUINS REPUTATIONS**

When a fake story about someone is spread widely, his/her reputation can suffer, potentially leading to further negative consequences on their life.

04 **CAUSES LOSS OF MONEY**

Disinformation which takes the form of scams can trick people into losing their hard-earned money, usually with no way of getting it back.

05 **THREATENS SOCIAL HARMONY**

Disinformation that causes tensions on the basis of race, religion, nationality, or any other differences can affect how people treat one another, risking the country's social harmony.



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