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# HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



DO WHAT'S RIGHT ONLINE

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

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



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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 Factly ([www.gov.sg/factly](http://www.gov.sg/factly)), Snopes ([www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com)), or write in to The Straits Times at [askST@sph.com.sg](mailto:askST@sph.com.sg). For assistance to find credible sources, you can email the National Library Board Reference Point at [ref@nlb.gov.sg](mailto:ref@nlb.gov.sg)

