



BE SMART

HELP YOUR CHILD SPOT 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.



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SG:D | GET READY!

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

Here's our checklist of 5 tips to help your child stay smart on the Internet.

01 **TEACH THEM HOW TO CHECK THE CREDIBILITY OF A SOURCE**

Share helpful tips on ways to check if a source is credible. For example, look out for grammar or spelling mistakes, check the URL to make sure it's not a hoax site and examine the "About Us" or "Contact Us" pages.

02 **REMIND THEM TO USE CREDIBLE SOURCES**

Explain the importance of obtaining news from credible sources and news sites, not just through their friends or social media. Discuss and come up with a few examples of sources that you can rely on.

03 **ENCOURAGE CROSS-CHECKING HABITS**

Show them how to cross-check news stories to make sure that the same story is running on multiple credible sites. Make sure they develop the habit of cross-checking the information they get with several reliable sources.

04 **SHOW THEM EXPERTS THEY CAN TURN TO**

Explore the sites they can use to verify the accuracy of news when they are unsure, such as Factly (www.gov.sg/factly), Snopes (www.snopes.com), or writing into The Straits Times at askST@sph.com.sg. If they need help to look for credible sources, they can also email the National Library Board Reference Point at ref@nlb.gov.sg

05 **ENCOURAGE THEM TO AVOID SHARING UNVERIFIED NEWS**

Help them understand that unverified information can be untrue. They should avoid posting, sharing, or forwarding stories that they receive without checking them first.

