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Digital Literacy for Peace

A YOUTH GUIDE TO DIGITAL SAFETY, INFORMATION VERIFICATION, AND SOCIAL COHESION



*THINK
CHECK
VERIFY
SHARE*



WHY THIS POCKET BOOK?



Social media is a powerful tool. It can connect communities, promote understanding, and amplify youth voices. However, it can also spread rumours, misinformation, hate speech, and harmful content.

As a Youth, you have the power to make digital spaces safer, more inclusive, and more peaceful.

This pocket book will help you:

- ✓ Stay safe online
- ✓ Identify misinformation
- ✓ Verify information before sharing
- ✓ Promote respectful dialogue
- ✓ Use social media for peacebuilding and social cohesion

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UNDERSTANDING INFORMATION DISORDER



Misinformation

False information shared without intending harm.



Disinformation

False information deliberately created to deceive people.

Malinformation

True information shared to cause harm.



Remember

Not all false information is shared intentionally, but all false information can create harm if widely shared.

TYPES OF MISLEADING INFORMATION



Misleading Content

Information presented in a way that creates a false impression.

Imposter Content

Fake accounts pretending to be trusted individuals or organizations.

Fabricated Content

Completely false information created to mislead.

False Context

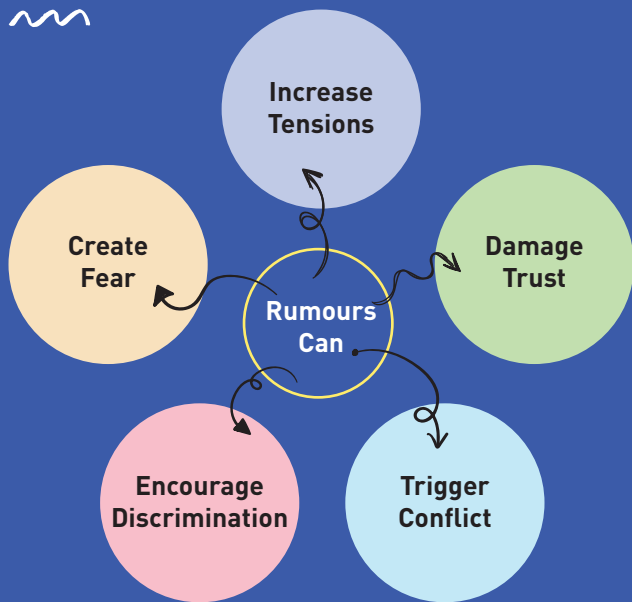
Real information shared in the wrong place, time, or situation.

Manipulated Content

Edited photos, videos, or audio used to deceive people.



WHY RUMOURS MATTER



Think Before You Share

A single post can reach hundreds of people within minutes.

WHAT IS FACT-CHECKING?



Fact-checking means checking whether information is accurate before believing or sharing it.

Fact- Checking Helps Us



Reduce
misunderstanding



Stop Rumours



Promote
Accurate
Information



Support
peaceful
communities



Build Trust

WHAT IS VERIFICATION?



Verification means confirming the source, authenticity, context, and accuracy of information.



Who
shared it?



Where did it
come from?

Verify



When was it
published?



Can other trusted
sources confirm it?



THE 5-STEP VERIFICATION PROCESS

1

Stop

Pause before sharing.

2

SOURCE

Check the source.

3

SEARCH

Look for supporting evidence.

4

COMPARE

Check other trusted sources.

5

SHARE

Only after verification.



VERIFY PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Check
where
the image
came from



Look for
signs of
editing



Check
date and
location



Search
for the
original
image



Verify
the
context



Remember

Old photos are often used as new events.



USE SOCIAL MEDIA RESPONSIBLY



DO'S

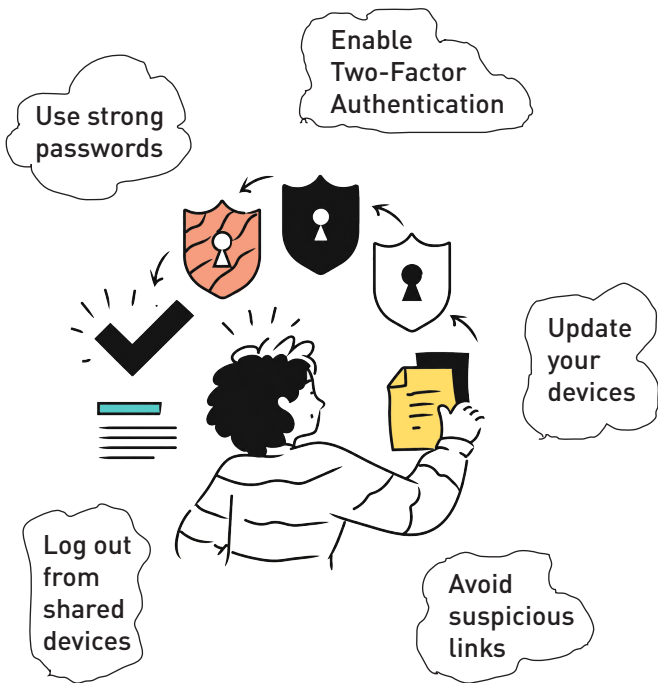
- ✓ Share verified information
- ✓ Respect different opinions
- ✓ Encourage dialogue
- ✓ Promote positive stories

DON'TS

- ✗ Spread rumours
- ✗ Share hate speech
- ✗ Bully or harass others
- ✗ Post private information



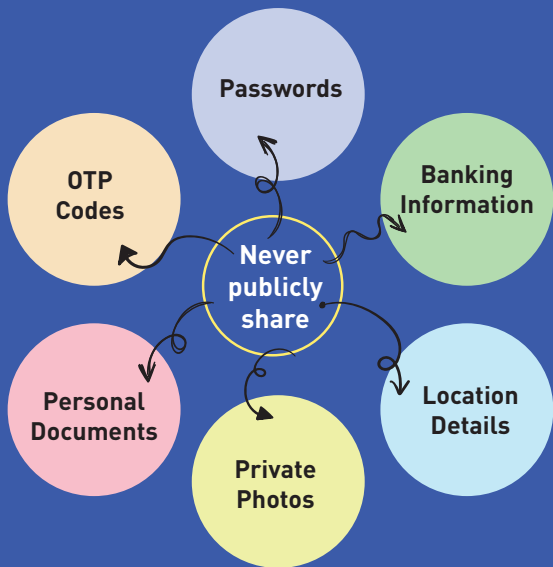
PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE



Digital Security Tips



PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY

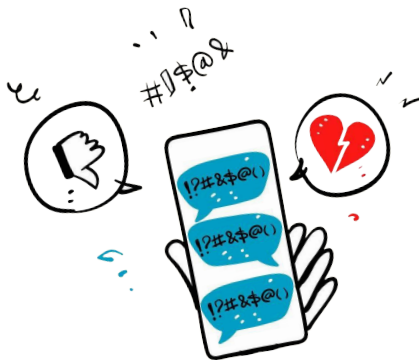


UNDERSTANDING HATE SPEECH



Hate speech targets people because of who they are.

This may include attacks based on:



Religion

Ethnicity

Nationality

Gender

Disability

Identity



Hate speech divides communities and harms social cohesion.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE HATE SPEECH



DO

- ✓ Report it
- ✓ Challenge it respectfully
- ✓ Support affected individuals
- ✓ Promote positive alternatives



DON'T

- ✗ Share it
- ✗ Amplify it
- ✗ Respond with more hate

KNOW YOUR DIGITAL RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES



Being online gives you rights, but it also comes with responsibilities. As a Digital Peace Ambassador, it is important to understand both.

Your Digital Rights

Access information and learning opportunities online

Express your opinions respectfully

Protect your privacy and personal information



Participate in online discussions without discrimination

Report online abuse, harassment, and harmful content

Use digital platforms safely and securely



YOUR DIGITAL RESPONSIBILITIES



1

Respect the rights and opinions of others

2

Verify information before sharing

3

Follow national laws and community standards

4

Avoid spreading rumours, misinformation, and hate speech

5

Respect copyright and intellectual property

6

Use digital platforms ethically and responsibly



Remember

Freedom of expression is a right, but it should never be used to:

- ✗ Harass others
- ✗ Spread false information
- ✗ Incite violence or hatred
- ✗ Share harmful or illegal content



Your rights protect you online. Your responsibilities protect your community.

BEFORE YOU SHARE ONLINE, CONSIDER THE 5 W'S



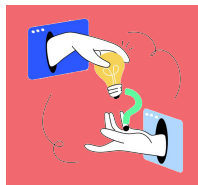
WHO

shared and
made it?



WHAT

is the
source?



WHERE

did it come
from?



WHY

are you
sharing it?



WHEN

was it
published?

Together, we can make our digital
spaces safer and more peaceful.



WHO IS A DIGITAL PEACE AMBASSADOR?



A Digital Peace Ambassador is a young person who uses digital platforms to promote peace, respect, inclusion, and social cohesion.

A Digital Peace Ambassador



Thinks
Critically



Verifies
information



Challenges
Rumors



Promotes Positive
Narratives



Uses Social Media
Responsibly



Respects
Diversity



Supports Peaceful
Coexistence



MY DIGITAL PEACE CHECKLIST

Before I leave today, I will:

	Verify information before sharing
	Think about the impact of my posts
	Respect others online
	Report harmful content
	Promote positive stories
	Help stop rumours
	Be a responsible digital citizen

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