

## TIPS FOR VERIFYING ONLINE INFORMATION

### TIP #1 – Consider the credibility of the reporting news outlet

- Check the URL to make sure it's not mimicking another reputable news site
- Check the 'About' and 'Contacts' pages of the website for information about who works there and how the organisation is funded
- Search the name of the author / journalist to find out what else they've written

### TIP #2 – Look beyond the headline

- Is the headline consistent with the story?
- Do the dates and timelines in the story make sense?
- Are there spelling and grammar mistakes or is the style sensationalised?
- Is the story trying to stir up negative feelings like anger, hatred or resentment or promote conspiracies?
- Is the story meant to be a joke, parody or satire?



### TIP #3 – Do your own research

- Does the story have credible supporting sources?
- Is the story being reported by other, trusted websites?
- Do the images in the story actually show what they say they show? (Reverse image search)
- Is the story being shared by a bot or troll factory?