INTERNET SAFETY BASICS & FAKE NEWS

Google
Social Media
8 Easy Steps to the Truth
STEP 1 - BE AWARE

- Profit $$$$$
- Popularity
- Misinformation
- Disinformation
- Reliability
- Security
- Privacy
- Bots and so much more
STEP 2 - BE SKEPTICAL
https://www.google.com/safetycenter/families/start/basics/

https://www.google.com/safetycenter/tools/

https://www.google.com/safetycenter/everyone/start/
PROJECT OWL

STEP 4 – Use tools.
EVALUATE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION AND COMMENT

Step 5 - Use your online voice.
HOW WILL GOOGLE DECIDE WHAT IS “AUTHORITATIVE?”
Step 6 – Protect your privacy

https://www.facebook.com/help/443357099140264?helpref=about_content
https://myaccount.google.com/intro

CONTROL YOUR GOOGLE EXPERIENCE

STEP 6 – Control your accounts
https://privacy.google.com/your-security.html?categories_activeEl=sign-in

GOOGLE PRIVACY AND SECURITY
FACEBOOK SECURITY

https://www.facebook.com/help/379220725465972
https://www.facebook.com/help/726709730764837/?helpref=hc_fnav

FACEBOOK ABUSE RESOURCES
ThinkB4U is a collaboration between Google and safety experts Common Sense Media, ConnectSafely, and the National Consumers League. Together, we are tackling some of the biggest learning curves thrown at the average user in a fun and interactive way.
Step 7 - Learn the landscape.
YOUTUBE AND THE NEWS CYCLE

Step 8 – Think Critically.
HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS

CONSIDER THE SOURCE
Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.

READ BEYOND
Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What’s the whole story?

CHECK THE AUTHOR
Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?

SUPPORTING SOURCES?
Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.

CHECK THE DATE
Reposting old news stories doesn’t mean they’re relevant to current events.

IS IT A JOKE?
If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.

CHECK YOUR BIASES
Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.

ASK THE EXPERTS
Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.