

SPOT HARMFUL CONTENT ON YOUR NEWSFEED

Social networking platforms have developed tools to monitor the content posted by users. These tools have to find the right balance between harmful content and freedom of expression and are therefore not 100% reliable and you may come across undesirable content while surfing social networks.

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WHAT IS HARMFUL CONTENT?

Basically, whatever content that makes you feel uncomfortable!

Trust yourself, if you perceive some content as borderline, you are not probably the only one.

Here are some examples of harmful content:

1. Hate speech

Form of expression which speakers intend to vilify, humiliate, or incite hatred against a group or a class of persons.

2. Fake news

News or stories created to deliberately misinform or deceive readers.

3. Cyberbullying

Use of electronic communication to bully a person.

4. Scams

Different methodologies of online fraud aiming at stealing money or sensitive data.

5. Promotion of dangerous behaviours

Promotion of dangerous under the cover of trends.

6. Inappropriate pictures

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HOW TO FILTER, BLOCK AND REPORT

On social media posts, you have, most of the time, a flag to report inappropriate content. Additionally, depending on the social media you are using, you can:

Instagram

- Block comments from specific individuals
- Hide generally offensive comments
- Filter specific words or phrases
- Restrict an account
- Mute/block an individual

Twitter

- Filter specific content and triggers
- Filter individuals

Facebook

- Unfriend/Unfollow an individual
- Block an individual
- Report post and private message

Topic	Harmful content		
Activity Title	Fake news on social media		
Type of resource	Self-Help Resource (SHR)	Type of learning	<i>This activity promotes self-directed learning. It can be used for personal use by the individual.</i>
Duration of Activity (in minutes)	<i>15 minutes for the activity; 10 minutes to answer the self-reflection questions.</i>	Learning Outcome	<i>To know how to recognize fake news to prevent you to spread it.</i>
Aim of activity	<i>This short video provides you tips and advices to spot fake news. This will prevent you to share/post on social media fake news/</i>		
Materials Required for Activity	<i>PC or Smartphone + Internet connection Paper and pen to take notes.</i>		
Step-by-step instructions	<i>Read the following article: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkwWcHekMdo&ab_channel=FactCheck Then, answer the questions listed in the following box.</i>		
Self-reflection Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What have you learnt in this activity? • Will you use it? • Do you feel that you will pay more attention to what you are sharing on social media? 		



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