

# 10 TIPS

## for Spotting Fake News & Information on the Internet



- 1** Information that comes from a source no one has heard of before could be fake.
- 2** Fake information often contains lots of mistakes in spelling and grammar.
- 3** Fake news tends to make sensational and outrageous claims about famous people.
- 4** Trusted news reports include the name of the journalist and the date of the post.
- 5** Fake news often includes old photographs from events that are not connected with the current report.
- 6** Fake information sites may contain links and downloads that will send viruses and malware to a user's computer.
- 7** Fake information sites may try to persuade a user to hand over personal information which is then used for annoying advertising or even for criminal purposes.
- 8** Fake news uses almost unbelievable headlines to gain a reader's attention. The content may actually have little connection with the meaning of the headline.
- 9** If no other reliable Internet source is reporting the same information, this suggests that the original report may be fake.
- 10** Fake information does not offer any proof for its claims.

