



Bogus stories can be easily spread through SMS and social messaging tools and apps, such as WhatsApp, WeChat and Line.

DO NOT SPREAD: HOW TO DEAL WITH DUBIOUS MESSAGES



Here's what you can do when you receive suspicious messages:

1 Check the credibility of the message:

- Is the information from a reliable source?
- Is the author an authority on the subject?
- Cross-check the information with mainstream sources such as newspapers, television and radio
- Ask family members if you are still unsure

2 Look for tell-tale signs that the information is fake:

- Incorrect URLs of websites cited
- Grammatical or spelling errors
- Sketchy information with few details on persons involved, time and places of incidents
- Content appeals to emotions – be wary of offers that sound too good to be true

3 Think before you share:

- Do not perpetuate false information unknowingly

4 Join the myth-busters:

- Inform the sender of the message that the news is false

