

STREET SMART ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Smartphones and 24/7 internet connectivity allow our servicemen to be more connected with their family and friends. But it also brings about security risks for the organisation and our servicemen, sometimes even without their knowledge.

Here are some ways you can be street smart on social media to prevent accidental disclosure of sensitive information about yourself or your organisation.

1) Don't reveal too much about yourself



Protect yourself against target profiling by cyber-criminals, hackers, scammers, and potential adversaries.

- Be wary of the amount of personal information you reveal (e.g. military unit and its activities)
- Adjust the privacy settings to give access to only those you trust

2) Disabling location settings



Most smartphones feature automatic "geotagging" apps (e.g. running apps)

- Your locations, movements and photo coordinates could be tracked and used to spy on you
- Check and restrict access to location services by non-essential apps

3) Think twice before posting or uploading



Posting about your work and unit could reveal classified information about the operations (e.g. photos and videos)

- Check the General Orders of MINDEF (GOM) or seek advice from your commanders if unsure

5) Be S.U.R.E when sharing online articles



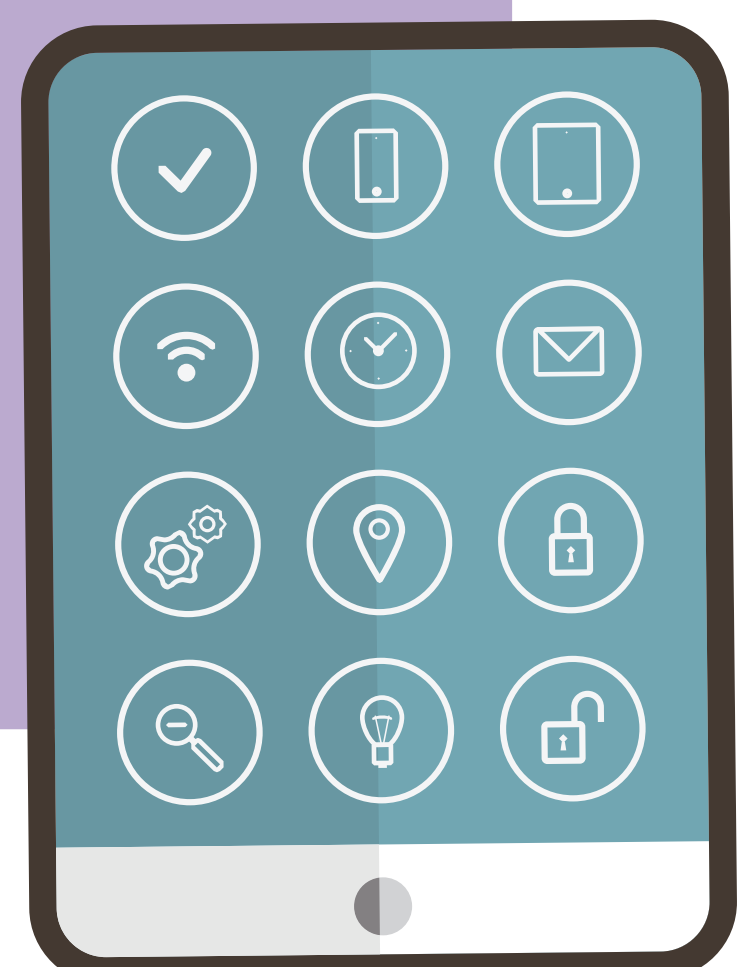
It is hard to tell real from fake news and half-truths these days

- Check sources before sharing. Satirical websites tend to spin real news into exaggerated and comedic ones
- Rely on reputable information from official news sites or government sites

4) Be wary of invites and requests

On social media, we may receive friend requests or invites to games, surveys and apps

- Avoid befriending strangers, and accept requests only from reliable sources
- User information may be collected for questionable purposes. Links and attachments may contain viruses and Trojans



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