



Website Reliability

HOW TO ... Check if a website is safe and reliable

Anyone can upload web pages to the World Wide Web, so when you're finding things out using websites, you need to check whether the site you are using is safe and whether the information on it is reliable.

You can use this checklist to help you work that out...

Do

- * Check who wrote it – would the author be thought of as an expert?
- * Look for where the website found their information and check that too
- * Try to find out when the website was created and last updated
- * Check the website's domain – websites ending in .org or .gov or .edu can usually be trusted to be reliable



Don't

- * Think that any information given on a website must be right
- * Use the information from only one website
- * Use old websites if what you're looking for needs to be up to date – For example, news stories or information about technology
- * Rely on information on websites that don't look very smart or have lots of broken links – they probably haven't been updated in a while

