

Misinformation: Can you STOP it?

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Mini bite 1 handouts

# Reflection questions

1a. What does misinformation mean to you? (Slide 5)

b. Are you concerned about misinformation? Why or why not?

2. Reflect on the following questions: (Slide 8) Are you familiar with any of these terms?

a. What does “misinformation” mean to you? Can you think of examples you’ve come across on social media?

b. What does “disinformation” mean to you? Can you think of examples you’ve come across on social media?

c. What does “malinformation” mean to you? Can you think of examples you’ve come across on social media?

# Sources

The following sources were used as examples of misinformation in Mini Bite 1. Additional links to evidence-based sources that refute the misinformation and/or verify the accurate information are also included.

## Example of misinformation

Source of misinformation and evidence showing that it is false

- [Did Canadian Fishermen Catch a 320-Pound Shrimp? | Snopes.com](#)

## Example of disinformation

Source of disinformation

- [SCAM ALERT: Conman “Mark Carney” is out Defrauding unsuspecting Canadians again with “Government Guaranteed Quantum AI Investment Scam”... “Smart investing that will help you earn \\$1200 in 12... You can earn up \\$30,000 in monthly income from an initial investment of just \\$350!”](#)
- [No, Pierre Poilievre's net worth is not \\$25M, despite what dubious AI-generated articles say | CBC News](#)

Evidence showing the disinformation is false

- [Carney deepfake sparks AI concern and action](#)

## Example of malinformation

Source of malinformation and evidence showing that it is false

- [Climate-denier claim: “This is the coldest winter we’ve had in years! So much for global warming.” - MisinfoResearch](#)

## BCOHRC’s video

- You can find our video on misinformation and download conversation guides at the following links:
- Misinformation video: [All Birds Are Criminals](#)
- All Birds Are Criminals Conversation guide: <https://bchumanrights.ca/wp-content/uploads/Misinformation-video-convo-guide.pdf>
- All Birds Are Criminals Participant handout: <https://bchumanrights.ca/wp-content/uploads/Misinformation-video-handout.pdf>

# Is it misinformation, disinformation or malinformation?

The following table provides definitions for misinformation, disinformation and malinformation.

Provide examples of each type that you have noticed and/or shared on social media below.

	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Examples you have noticed or shared on social media</b>
<b>Misinformation</b>	False or misleading information that is shared by people who believe it to be true.	
<b>Disinformation</b>	Misinformation that is knowingly shared. It manipulates understandings of issues to achieve specific goals. These goals may include causing harm, benefitting personally or politically and/or creating conflict or division.	
<b>Malinformation</b>	Misinformation that starts with something that is true but presents this information in an incomplete or exaggerated way in order to cause harm. Misleads by omitting the context, focussing on one issue and/or omitting content.	

# Where can I get support?

We've provided a list of resources for those experiencing distress. This list is not exhaustive and may not include the most appropriate resource to meet your needs. If you require assistance and don't see a program here that's right for you, please feel free to contact our Office by emailing [info@bchumanrights.ca](mailto:info@bchumanrights.ca).

## Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention Centre of BC

Immediate access to barrier-free, non-judgmental, confidential support and follow-up through 24/7 phone lines and online services.

**Call:** 1-800-784-2433 (1-800-SUICIDE)

**Chat:** [www.crisiscentrechat.ca](http://www.crisiscentrechat.ca)

## VictimLinkBC

Toll-free, confidential, multilingual service available across B.C. and the Yukon 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Call or text:** 1-800-563-0808

**Email:** [VictimLinkBC@bc211.ca](mailto:VictimLinkBC@bc211.ca)

## KUU-US Crisis Line Society

24-hour crisis line for Indigenous adults, elders and youth: First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples helping First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples.

**Call toll-free:** 1-800-588-8717

**Adults and Elders call:** 250-723-4050

**Children and Youth call:** 250-723-2040

## 310 Mental Health Support

Toll-free province-wide access to emotional support, information and resources specific to mental health, available 24/7.

**Call:** 310-310-6789) – no need to dial an area code

## Alcohol & Drug Information and Referral Service

Free, confidential information and referral services to British Columbians in need of support with any kind of substance use issue (alcohol or other drugs). Free, multilingual telephone assistance is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Call:** 1-800-663-1441

## Indian Residential Schools Survivors Society

Crisis support for Survivors, families and communities, offering emotional, mental, and spiritual support, available 24/7.

**Call:** 1-800-721-0066

### **Black Youth Helpline**

Professional, culturally relevant youth and family assessments and intervention

**Call:** 1-833 294 8650

### **Native Youth Crisis Hotline**

Answered by staff 24/7. Available throughout Canada and US.

**Call:** 1-877-209-1266

### **Kids Help Phone**

Canada-wide 24-hour bilingual counselling and information services for children and youth between 5 to 20 years old. Services can be accessed via telephone, mobile app, and online.

**Call:** 1-800-668-6868

### **Islamophobia Hotline**

Free confidential legal advice if you feel that you have been discriminated against, harassed, or faced violence because you are Muslim or are perceived to be Muslim.

**Call:** 604-343-3828

### **S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Chinese Help Lines**

Serves callers in the province of British Columbia who speak Mandarin or Cantonese.

**For Cantonese, call:** 604-270-8233

**For Mandarin, call:** 604-270-8222

### **Prideline (Gay and Lesbian Helpline)**

Peer support, information and referrals for anyone in BC, available weeknights (Monday to Friday) from 7 pm to 10 pm

**Call:** 1-800-566-1170

### **Trans Lifeline**

Grassroots hotline offering direct emotional and financial support to trans people in crisis: for the trans community, by the trans community.

**Call:** 1-877-330-6366

### **Battered Women's Support Services (BWSS) Crisis Line**

Provides emotional support to women experiencing gender-based domestic violence and/or uncertainty during these difficult times. Takes calls from Monday to Sunday, 24 hours a day.

**Call:** 1-855-687-1868

**Text:** 604-652-1867

**Email:** [intake@bwss.org](mailto:intake@bwss.org)

### **Seniors Distress Line**

Free and confidential telephone support service for seniors, their caregivers or anyone concerned about a senior. Calls are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by highly trained, non-judgmental and caring volunteers.

**Call:** 604-872-1234