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Misinformation in AI: What Every Kiwi Needs to Watch For

AI sounds confident – but confidence isn't the same as truth. Here's how to spot misinformation, slow it down, and use AI The Right Way™.

What Is It?

Misinformation happens when AI gives information that is wrong, outdated, incomplete, or made-up – often without warning. AI doesn't know things. It predicts words based on patterns, not facts.

What to Watch For?

- Facts with no sources or vague references
- Outdated info presented as current
- Statistics that sound impressive but can't be verified
- Confident answers to complex legal, medical, or policy questions
- Made-up names, quotes, links, or laws ("hallucinations")
- Overseas info treated as if it applies to Aotearoa

How to Prompt Responsibly

AI answers improve when you ask for evidence and context.

"Summarise this topic."

"Summarise this topic and flag anything that should be fact-checked or sourced."

Everyday Actions

- Double-check important facts before sharing
- Ask AI for sources – then verify them yourself
- Be extra careful with health, legal, financial, or cultural info
- Add NZ context and dates to your prompts
- Treat AI as a starting point, not a final authority

The Takeaway

AI misinformation isn't lying – it's guessing without understanding.

- Used wisely, AI can support good decisions.
- Used blindly, it can spread errors fast.
- Slow down, verify, and help AI work The Right Way™ – with care, context, and critical thinking.

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