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**Live Online / August 2021**

***For Ages 10 to 18***

Hosted by **See Change Education**, the 2nd International Parliamentary Debate Competition will include delegates from the Greater Bay Area and Belt & Road Regions.

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The competition is certified by the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA) and features separate categories for Primary and Secondary, with two leagues in each category, Novelist and Advanced.

**Everyone – whether a beginner or an experienced debater – is welcome to participate!**

The competition dates are:

Preliminary Rounds      1st or 8th August (Sunday mornings)

Finals:                      15th August (Sunday morning)

Participants may register as individuals or in groups of four registered by their school.

A one-time registration fee of HK\$400 (per individual or per group of four) is payable.

**Register **now** for one of the last remaining spots.**

Schools that enter at least four participants are offered a complimentary online bootcamp on a first-come-first-served basis, subject to time availability. This preparatory session will enable participants to become familiar with the format of the competition and have a practice round.

For competition rules and other details, and to register, please visit:

**[www.seechange-edu.com/competition/](http://www.seechange-edu.com/competition/)**

# How To Keep Your Child Safe From Doxxing

## What Does The Term Doxxing Mean

The term "doxxing" comes from the phrase "dropping dox (documents)". An individual who engages in doxxing is referred to as a 'doxxer'.

The word 'dox' came into use in 2008 and was added to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary in 2016.

## What Is Doxxing?

Doxxing refers to:

- the collection of the personal data and private information of a person or related persons (such as family members, relatives or friends) across multiple platforms (including online search engines, social media platforms, and discussion forums, etc.) by an unauthorized individual, who then
- publishes the information on the Internet, social media or other open platforms (such as public places) in an attempt to shame or embarrass the person.

## Is Doxxing Legal?

Doxxing may flout the law by contravening the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (PDPO), involve other offences as well as incur civil liabilities.

## How Does Doxxing Happen?

Doxxing often involves doxxers attempting to embarrass or shame individuals by publishing confidential information, images or videos obtained from their personal accounts.

Doxxing may be conducted by researching public databases, hacking, or through social engineering.

Initially, doxxing was used by hackers to "out" the identities of fellow bad actors/hackers. However, more recently, it has often been a way to target others with different viewpoints or as a form of cyberbullying.

## How Does Doxxing Affect Victims?

Some examples:

- Victims and their families bullied or harassed and their daily life affected.
- Nuisance phone calls received at all hours of day, including late at night making it difficult to sleep.
- Businesses forced to suspend operation, leading to loss of income.

## How To Keep Your Child Safe From Doxxing?

Adjust social media settings.

- Keep profiles and usernames/handles private and for 'friends only'.
- No addresses and specific locations shown in social media accounts.
- Posts set to "friends only".
- No sharing personal information, photos, videos, etc. that could be used against them or anything that can identify their address or contact information.

Use strong passwords. (Click [here](#) for how to.)

## Where To Seek Assistance?

Call the PCPD Doxxing Hotline: 3423 6666 or email [communications@pcpd.org.hk](mailto:communications@pcpd.org.hk)

Contact social media platforms to remove web links involving doxxing, for example:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/help/263149623790594>
- Instagram: <https://www.facebook.com/help/instagram/494582480904711?helpref=related>
- Telegram: [abuse@telegram.org](mailto:abuse@telegram.org)

Source: <https://www.pcpd.org.hk/english/complaints/doxxing/doxxing.html>

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## Digital Life Skills @ See Change Education

At [See Change](#) Education we use real-life examples and critical thinking routines to empower young people develop skills and dispositions to lead empathetic and responsible digital and social media lives while ensuring their personal safety and privacy.

Our classes promote positive language and the enhancement of family values.



Use a Virtual Private Network (VPN).

- If a public wi-fi is used (e.g. at Starbucks, on public transport, at mobile hotspots), turn off the public network sharing functionality on device.

Use different usernames and passwords across platforms.

*Click below to receive our resource guide with tips from experts on how to discuss these and other digital and social media issues with your child!*

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