

CARS CHECKLIST



The CARS Checklist is a really good way of evaluating how reliable a website really is. The Internet is free for anybody to display any information they like regardless if this information is true. I could create a website that says the sun is purple and nobody would tell me this wrong. Therefore, it is important to remember that just because it is on the screen in front of you does not mean it is a reliable source of information. A good web site will have been created by an official organisation; it will be factual, show no opinion and will not contain bad language. By following the CARS Checklist we can determine the facts! The Checklist is as follows:

Credibility	A trustworthy source You know the author's credentials. Known or respected organisation. Evidence of quality control
Accuracy	The website is up to date, factual and contains exact details. Timeliness, this means that it is correct today and not yesterday. It is written to the correct audience and its purpose fits your needs. It tells the whole truth about your subject.
Reasonableness	The website is fair and balanced. It is objective, lacks bias, and does not take a slanted tone. No bad language is used. Lacks exaggerated claims.
Support	Lists the sources used. Contact information Contains convincing evidence for claims made. A source you can triangulate, (find at least 2 sources that support it).