When a rumour spreads faster than the truth.

A voice message says three people are dead. Only one is injured. By the time anyone checks, men are already moving.

This is now one of the most common ways a fight starts. It is also one of the easiest to stop, if a few people know what to do.

01 **Do not spread it further.** This includes sharing it to warn people, and it includes arguing with it publicly. Every share puts it in front of more people who will believe it.

02 **Save the details quietly.** Note who posted it and when, or take a screenshot. Keep it private. You may need it later.

03 **Ask if anyone is in danger right now.** If the post names a person, a family or a place, tell them and tell the police.

04 **Check before you answer.** get someone trusted to find out what actually happened. Agree in advance who that person is, so nobody has to work it out in a panic.

05 **Then correct it — briefly, and with a next step:**

> **"This report has not been confirmed. Leaders from both sides are checking it now. Please do not travel to the area and do not call people together. We will give an update."**

06 **Do not insult whoever posted it.** That turns it into an argument and gives it more attention.

Get ahead of it. Ask the people who run your community's Facebook groups and chats to set rules now: no threats, no naming people as offenders, no sharing photos of bodies. Agree that when something big happens, one named person gives the updates. Ask the men and women with many followers to sit on a claim for one hour before sharing it.

Old photos are the common trick.

A picture from a fight years ago, posted as if it happened this morning, can start a real one today.