Online Security Information for Candidates May Elections

Most social media companies provide advice about online security. This includes guidance on how to secure your account and how to report incidents of online abuse, harassment and intimidation.

Facebook (which owns Instagram and Whatsapp) provides guidance for political candidates, general guidance on online safety, as well as specific guidance on reporting abusive content or behaviour.

Twitter has general guidance on online safety and their civic integrity policies, as well as quick links to safety and security guidance and how to report offensive content and abuse.

Google (which owns Youtube) provides general guidance on actions to take to protect candidates as well as specific guidance from YouTube about support for civic integrity and how to report inappropriate content.

Please note that social media platforms regularly review and update their guidance.