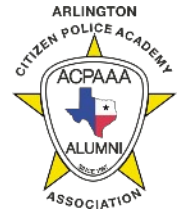




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COVID-19 charity scams - 9 tips to help avoid fakes

1. Take time to research

Before you give to any charity, do the research necessary to verify that the organization is legitimate. A good place to start is by checking the lists run by watchdog groups such as [CharityWatch](#), [CharityNavigator](#), and the Wise Giving Alliance run by the Better Business Bureau.

You can also check your individual state's [charity regulator](#) to verify that a charitable organization you are considering donating to is allowed to raise money in your state.

2. Add key search terms

The [Federal Trade Commission](#) recommends that you search online to help narrow down whether a charity is legitimate.

Say a charity contacts you seeking relief for homeless children. Type into your favorite search engine the charity name you've been given plus words such as "complaints," "review" or "scam."

If you find many complaints or charges that the "charity" that has reached out to you is a scam, it's wise to avoid giving it any of your dollars.

3. Look for warning signs

[AARP](#) says that there are several warning signs of a fake charity. If someone calls you on the phone and pressures you to give money immediately, that's a good sign that the "charity" you are dealing with likely isn't legit.

Real charities won't pressure you to give immediately. They'll take your dollars whenever you are ready to give them.

4. Watch for payment methods

Be wary, too, if a representative from a charitable organization asks you to pay by wire transfer, cash, or through a gift card

AARP says that these are the most common payment methods requested by scammers. Why? Because these payment methods are more difficult to trace.

5. Beware of bogus thank-you emails

Be suspicious, too, of emailed thank-you letters from charities you don't remember supporting in the past.

Scammers often try to trick you into giving by convincing you that you have supported their fraudulent organizations in the past.

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6. Take caution with emails

Charity Navigator recommends that you be especially cautious when dealing with emails from charitable organizations. Email is the preferred method of communication by many scammers, and Charity Navigator says that fraudsters are often skilled at creating websites and email messages that

7. Consider donating directly

Charity Navigator says that you should never give money to a charity just because they sent you an email. If you do want to give, contact a charity directly to learn more about its needs and where it is sending donations

8. Guard your personal information

Never provide anyone saying they are from a charity with your financial information. Legitimate charities won't ask for your bank account information or credit card numbers by phone or through email. And be suspicious of charities that ask you wire money overseas, too. Charity Navigator says that this is a common scam.

9. Delete emails with attachments

Charity Navigator says that you should immediately delete emails supposedly from charities that contain attachments. These attachments often contain viruses and malware that can infect your computer
Remember to stay alert in times of crisis

It's always important to watch for these fake charity scams. But in times of a crisis, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic, when people have an increased desire to want to help by giving, it's even more important to be alert. You can bet that scammers are already trying to trick people into giving their dollars or personal information to fraudulent charities.

To help avoid becoming a victim, do your research before giving to any charity and be on the lookout for some of these red flags of fraud.

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