

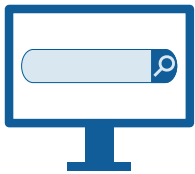


Did a charity reach out to you for a donation?

Here's how to give safely and avoid a scam:



Never donate with a **gift card** or by **wiring money**. **Credit card** and **check** are safer.



Search the charity name online.
Do people say it's a scam?



Watch for names that only look like **well-known** charities.



Look up a charity's report and ratings:

- [give.org](https://www.give.org)
- [charitywatch.org](https://www.charitywatch.org)
- [candid.org](https://www.candid.org)
- [charitynavigator.org](https://www.charitynavigator.org)



Ask **how much** of your donation **goes to the program** you want to support.

Donating through a charitable fundraising platform?

Be sure you know where the money is going.