

Support Charity

NOT CRIME

Most of us give to charity and when we do, it is important to expect that our donations will go to the people who need it most, not into the pockets of fraudsters, organised criminals or terrorists.

We want people to continue giving generously but with the confidence that their donation will be used properly.

 #supportcharitynotcrime



We know that unfortunately there are those who would abuse the name and work of charities and divert funds fraudulently for criminal purposes.

So what can you do to stop the fraudsters and make sure donations really do reach the causes that need them?

Quite a lot. It's simpler than you might think to check the authenticity of a collector or charity.

6 simple steps to supporting charity and NOT crime

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Genuine fundraising materials should feature the charity's name, registered name and a landline contact number. Be wary of those that list only a mobile number.

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Before making a donation or accepting a collection tin, check the charity's name and registration number on the online Register of Charities at www.charitycommission.gov.uk (click on 'Find charities')

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Look for the FRSB tick logo indicating that the charity is signed up to fundraising regulation, encouraging people to give with confidence. www.frsb.org.uk

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Genuine charity collectors should be wearing an ID badge, be able to produce a valid local authority or police licence, have a sealed collection container and be able to prove they have the charity's permission to collect.

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If in doubt, ask the collector for more information - a genuine fundraiser will always be happy to answer questions and explain more about the work of the charity.

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If you have any concerns about the legitimacy of a request for donations, don't hesitate to contact that charity directly. Be wary if any appeals where contact details are not provided.

If you are concerned that you may have been targeted by a fundraising scam, you should report this to Action Fraud by calling **0300 123 2040** or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

Please don't stop giving, just give safely.