

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
- charitywatch.org
- candid.org
- 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.

