How to **donate wisely** and avoid scams

Look up a charity’s report & ratings:
- give.org
- guidestar.org
- charitywatch.org
- charitynavigator.org

Never pay by **gift card** or **wire transfer**. **Credit card** and **check** are safer.

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

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

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

Donating online?
Be sure where that money is going.

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