

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Charity fraud

Criminals may take advantage of our generosity when giving to charity. They may claim to be raising money for a fake charity or impersonate a well-known one.

When you meet a fundraiser in-person, whether that be on the street or a someone calling at your address, check their credentials:

- All collectors should wear an ID badge that is clearly visible.
- Any collection buckets should be sealed and undamaged. Most fundraising materials should feature a charity's name, registration number and a landline phone number.
- If in doubt, ask for more information – a genuine fundraiser should be happy to answer your questions.

When giving online, make sure the charity is genuine before giving any financial information:

- Type in the charity website address yourself, rather than clicking on a link, and look for the registered charity number on the website.
- Do not click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails.
- Never respond to unsolicited messages or calls that ask for your personal or financial details.
- Beware of any online advertisements that just feature a mobile number.
- Ignore requests to donate through a money transfer company as this is a popular scam.
- Only donate to online fundraising pages created by a person or organisation you know and trust. If in any doubt, contact the charity directly.

Preventing fraud

Together,
let's stop
scammers.



Remember, ABC:



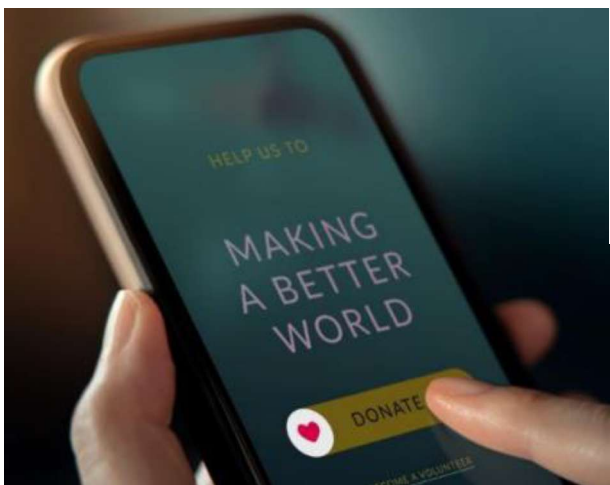
never Assume



never Believe



always Confirm



If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

For further information about Fraud, visit our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](http://www.kent.police.uk/advice-about-fraud)

You will also find valuable information from the Home Office at [Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams](http://www.stop-think-fraud.gov.uk)



**Kent
Police**

Report a non-urgent crime online **www.kent.police.uk/report**
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 **www.kent.police.uk/contact**
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.
Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

www.kent.police.uk   