

# Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

## Charity Fraud

Charity Fraud Alert Criminals may exploit our generosity by claiming to raise money for fake charities or by impersonating well known ones.

To protect yourself, follow these guidelines:

When meeting a fundraiser in person:

- Ensure all collectors wear a clearly visible ID badge.
- Check that collection buckets are sealed and undamaged. Most fundraising materials should display the charity's name, registration number, and a landline phone number.
- If in doubt, ask for more information. A genuine fundraiser will be happy to answer your questions.

When donating online:

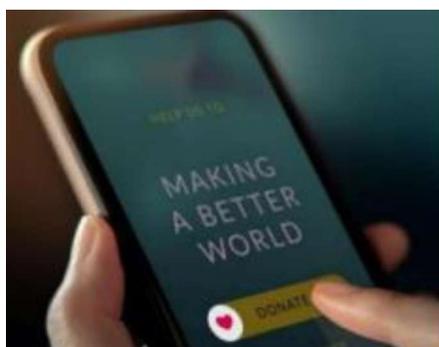
- Type the charity's website address directly into your browser rather than clicking on a link. Look for the registered charity number on the website.
- Do not click on links or attachments in suspicious emails.
- Never respond to unsolicited messages or calls asking for your personal or financial details. • Be wary of online advertisements that only feature a mobile number.
- Ignore requests to donate through money transfer companies, as this is a common scam.
- Only donate to online fundraising pages created by people or organizations you know and trust. If in doubt, contact the charity directly.

**Preventing fraud**

Together, let's stop scammers. 

**Remember, ABC:**

-  never Assume
-  never Believe
-  always Confirm



If you have been a victim of any type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and reporting to Report Fraud at [Reporting cyber crime and fraud or phishing attempts - Report Fraud](#) or call 0300 123 2040.

Find out more by visiting our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](#) and also from the Home Office at [Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams](#)



**Kent  
Police**

Report a non-urgent crime online [www.kent.police.uk/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)

Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 [www.kent.police.uk/contact](http://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](http://www.kent.police.uk)   