How to donate wisely and avoid scams



Look up a charity's report & ratings:

- give.org
- charitywatch.org
- guidestar.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.