



Charities Regulator's top tips to donate safely this Easter

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The Charities Regulator has issued advice to the public to help people donate safely to charities over the Easter period.

The first step when it comes to donating to an organisation is to check if they are a registered charity on the [Charities Register](#).

“You can access details of over 9,400 registered Irish Charities on the register, and learn about what they do,” Charities Regulator Chief Executive John Farrelly said.

The Charities Register is a free, online database that you can search for registered charities. The Charities Register provides information on charities, including whom the charity benefits and where it operates. To access the Charities Register, visit <http://www.charitiesregulator.ie>

The Charities Regulator is also advising donors to take the following steps before donating:

1. Check the charity name, logo and registered charity number that appear on any collection leaflets;
2. Ensure any fundraising materials have clear contact and registration details for the charity;
3. Check that the person collecting the donation has official identification and has a permit to collect in that particular area;
4. Ask if the collector knows what the charity does and can give examples of its work;
5. Do not provide your personal, credit card or online account details unless you know it is a trusted source.

If you think that there is something wrong, contact the charity directly and alert them to your concerns.

If any member of the public suspects that an organisation is not in compliance with the Charities Act 2009 they should contact the Charities Regulator Concerns service online at http://www.charitiesregulator.ie/en/cra/pages/raise_a_concern_about_a_charity or by phoning 01 633 1550.

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