

C H A R I T A B L E G I V I N G

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR DONATIONS

Scam artists posing as charities can cause trouble for generous Kansans hoping to help their neighbors. Attorney General Kris Kobach has committed himself to protecting Kansas consumers and providing educational resources to prevent scams and consumer victimization.

The Attorney General's Office enforces the Kansas Charitable Organizations and Solicitations Act, K.S.A. 17-1759 et seq. We also oversee any modifications made to charitable trusts to ensure that the intent of the grantor is maintained.

CHARITABLE GIVING TIPS

Investigate before you donate. Some con artists use names similar to well-known charities or pretend to raise money for state or local law enforcement agencies. It is important to be informed when making charitable giving decisions.

* Ask for written information, including how much of the money raised is actually used for charitable purposes and how much will end up in the hands of the professional fundraiser.

* Be careful with telemarketers requesting contributions. Oftentimes the telemarketer keeps a substantial portion of the donation.

* Do not feel obligated to send a donation to charities that send token gifts such as key chains, greeting cards, mailing labels, etc.

* Make certain the charitable organization actually serves the need it claims to serve. Ask for financial statements of the organization to determine who will benefit from the donations.

* Real charities will always be happy to take your money a couple days or even a couple weeks after they first make contact with you, so take time to do your research. High pressure appeals that claim a need is "urgent" are often times a warning sign of a scam.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK

The safest way for Kansans to avoid charities fraud is to take control of their own charitable giving. Rather than responding to solicitations for money that arrive by telephone, in the mail, by email or otherwise, Kansans who wish to support charitable causes should develop their own proactive giving plan and give directly to the charities of their choice.

Visit the website at <https://www.ag.ks.gov/licensing/charities-registration> or call (785) 296-3750 to find information on charitable organizations registered in Kansas, your rights as a consumer when giving to charities and the Kansas Charitable Organization and Solicitation Act.



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