

CHECK THE CAUSE.

Verify Before You Give

👉 Give to Registered Charities

Charities asking for donations must be registered with the Secretary of State.

👉 Verify Tax-Exempt Status

Search the IRS's database at [IRS.gov/charities-and-nonprofits](https://www.irs.gov/charities-and-nonprofits)



👉 Search the Web

Search for the charity's name and the word "scam," "fraud," or "legit."

👉 Report Suspected Scams

File a complaint with the Attorney General's Office if something's off.



👉 Review Its Rating

Visit third-party sites like Give.org, CharityWatch, or Charity Navigator.

Verify Charity Registration

<https://ccfs.sos.wa.gov/#/>

