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# Charity

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**W**ith more than 700,000 charities soliciting contributions, it pays to be cautious when making a donation. Here are some tips to help you give wisely:

- **Ask for written information.** A legitimate charity will tell you how your donation will be used and provide proof that it is tax deductible.
- **Be skeptical if someone thanks you for a pledge you don't remember making.** Check your records if you have doubts.
- **Don't send cash.** For security and record-keeping purposes, pay by check.

For more information, call the Federal Trade Commission toll-free at 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357) or visit [www.ftc.gov/charityfraud](http://www.ftc.gov/charityfraud).



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