



## Be aware of scammers who use fake charities to get sensitive information

*The IRS and Security Summit partners warn taxpayers to be wary of fake charities used by scammers to get money as well as sensitive financial and personal information from victims.*



### ***Here are some important tips:***

- ***Taxpayers should always check out a charity before they donate. Donors should always check to make sure they are giving to a legitimate charity and can easily do so by using a special **IRS tool** on **IRS.gov**.***
- ***Individuals should never let any caller pressure them. A legitimate charity will be happy to receive a donation at any time, so there's no rush. Donors are encouraged to take time to do their own research.***
- ***Be careful about how a donation is made. Taxpayers shouldn't work with charities that ask for donations by giving numbers from a gift card or by wiring money. That's a scam. It's safest to pay by credit card or check — and only after researching the charity.***