

## Charity Donation Collection scams

Alert 2.15

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**Bromley Trading Standards** has been notified of an incident where a cold caller claimed to be collecting for a charity. No identification nor details of the 'charity' were provided and an attempt was made to distract the householder.

Thankfully no money was handed over, and the householder was advised to contact Police. We're using this report to warn of Charity donation scams in general:

Charities should be registered with the [Charity Commission](https://www.charitycommission.gov.uk) (0300 066 9197) and genuine collectors will prove that they are legally authorised to act on behalf of a registered charity. We echo [Action Fraud's advice](#) to make your own checks, and if in doubt donate to the charity directly in your own time.

**Please share with family, friends, neighbours, colleagues & clients**  
**Read it. Share it. Prevent it**

### REPORT

Protect others by reporting incidents:

Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

If you have given out your bank details, contact your bank as soon as possible.

You can also visit [www.Bromley.gov.uk/scams](http://www.Bromley.gov.uk/scams)