



## THE INVESTIGATOR

### About Us

Since 2000 BCSI has performed hundreds of successful investigations. Our integrated team of investigators and support services ensure that the investigations are conducted in a timely fashion with leading edge techniques.

BCSI is considered the platinum standard of the industry based on the quality and the wide spectrum of its services as well as the expertise of the investigators.

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### Holiday Charity Scams



'Tis the season of giving and people are opening their hearts and wallets to charitable institutions. Unfortunately, many of these so-called charities turn out to be nothing more than a [crafty scam](#).

Whether you are approached on the street, at your door, on social media, or through email, it is always a good idea to know who you are giving your money away to before you write that cheque.

Before you hand over the cash, here are some things to look out for in a charity:

- Refusing to give details about its mission, identity, associated costs or how the donations are being used
- Using a name that is very similar, but not quite the same as a well-known charity
- Pressures you to donate immediately without letting you do any research
- Not providing proof of its tax-deductible status
- Thanks you for previous donations you don't remember giving
- Asks for only cash, gift card or money wire donations

If you want to guarantee that your money is going to help someone in need, here is what you can do:

- Do your research online – check with websites like [Charity Navigator](#) or [CharityWatch](#)
- Do not give out any personal or financial information to unverified organizations or individuals
- Once you have confirmed a charity is reputable, donate by [credit card](#) or cheque as they are a safer option
- Get a receipt and keep a record your donation
- Regularly review your credit card statements and report any irregularities immediately

### Contact Us

If you or a loved one has been the victim of a charity scam, BCSI Investigations Inc. can help. With over 20 years of experience in investigations, BCSI specializes in cases of fraud, both online and physical. Contact us at 604-922-6572 or visit our

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