

## Warning About Haiti Scams

WSFA.com has posted a news [article](#) that warns consumers to be cautious when making donations to aid those affected by the recent earthquake in Haiti. Attorney General Troy King gives several good tips to prevent people from accidentally donating to fraudulent organizations and scammers. These tips can prevent [identity theft](#).

First, it's best to give in the form of a check or money order that is made payable to a charitable organization. Don't donate cash. You should never give personal information to anyone who contacts you through email, text message or phone call.

Only give information to authentic charitable organizations that you personally researched and initiated contact with.

Feel free to ask how your contribution will be used and be concerned if the answer seems hesitant. Decline to donate they seem to be pressuring you to do it in a hurry. Be wary of any organization who offers to come to your home to retrieve donations, or appears at your home asking for donations. Lastly, be apprehensive of charitable organizations who claim to donate 100% of the proceeds to the cause. "Even non-profit organizations have, although minimal, administrative expenses."