



Charitable Giving – Connecticut

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PUBLIC CHARITIES UNIT IN CONNECTICUT

The Department of Consumer Protection is responsible for administering the Connecticut Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act. Most charities who solicit contributions in Connecticut must register with the Department of Consumer Protection. The Office of the Attorney General in cooperation with the Department of Consumer Protection administers and enforces state laws regulating charities and professional fundraisers who solicit from the public. To ask if a charity is registered in Connecticut, or to see if the charity is a scam, or to complain about a charity's fundraising practices, call the Public Charities Unit at (860)713-6170.

Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection also has produced a guide for those wanting to establish a charitable organization in the state of Connecticut, which can be downloaded at the following:

<http://www.portal.ct.gov/DCP/News-Releases-from-the-Department-of-Consumer-Protection/2018-News-Releases/CONSUMER-PROTECTION-RELEASES-GUIDE-FOR-CHARITABLE-ORGANIZATIONS>

RESEARCHING CHARITIES ONLINE

People wanting to know more about how a charity uses its money can research individual charities on the following web sites:

- www.charitynavigator.org– Charity Navigator
- www.guidestar.org – GuideStar
- www.charitywatch.org– American Institute of Philanthropy

CONNECTICUT SOLICITATION OF CHARITABLE FUNDS ACT

To read about the Connecticut Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act, go to the Department of Consumer Protections website at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DCP/Charities/Public-Charities>

This document includes information on who must register, who is exempt, and how a charity registers to solicit contributions in Connecticut.

BBB WISE GIVING ALLIANCE – www.give.org

The BBB Wise Giving Alliance sets standards for charitable solicitation practices and evaluates charities against these standards.

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