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Charitable Donation Questionnaire Form

Keep this by your phone. Before you agree to donate to a charitable cause over the telephone, you should ask the caller...

What is your full name? _____

Are you being paid to make this call? If so, what is your company's name?

What is the full name, address and phone number of the charity?

Is the charity (and paid fundraiser, if one is used) registered with the Office of the Secretary of State of Maryland? _____

Where are you calling from? _____

What is the charitable purpose of your organization? _____

What percent of total income does this charity spend on its program/s/? _____

What part of my donation is tax deductible? _____

Notes: _____

Remember that your oral pledge is not a binding agreement.

If you feel uncomfortable with the caller, organization, or attempts to get you to donate, decline the donation and ask to be placed on the organization's "Do Not Call" list.

If in doubt – do not make or offer a donation - simply hang up the phone.

You can also check to determine if an organization is a listed "charity" in Maryland by accessing the Maryland Secretary of State's Office website to query the charity at: <http://www.sos.state.md.us/charity/charityhome.aspx> - or call them directly at 1-888-874-0013. Concerns and complaints can also be filed by calling this number.

Improper, unwanted, or pressured solicitations can also be reported to your local law enforcement agency.