



# Cherry Hills Village Police Department

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## - COVID-19 Charity Fraud Prevention -

Scammers often take advantage of people wishing to help victims in times of crisis. The Cherry Hills Village Police Department urges residents to verify the legitimacy of any charity before donating to organizations and individuals affected by COVID-19. Never let a sense of urgency take away your common sense and never send a prepaid gift card to organizations soliciting donations.

Stay alert and be sure to do your homework before donating to any organization. Use credible online sources before donating. Examples of such sources are:

- [www.checkthecharity.com](http://www.checkthecharity.com)
- [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)
- [www.give.org](http://www.give.org)

The local Better Business Bureau is another great resource to evaluate a charity. Go to [www.bbb.org/us/co](http://www.bbb.org/us/co) to research charities based in Colorado.

The Colorado Attorney General has a website dedicated to consumer alerts related to the coronavirus, including helpful tips on how to avoid scams at [www.coag.gov/coronavirus](http://www.coag.gov/coronavirus)

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