



## **Charity Register can assist those donating during Ramadan**

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The Charities Regulator is advising those who are observing Ramadan this month that it can assist them when it comes to charitable giving.

Ramadan – which commenced on May 27 -- is a time when the Muslim community is very active in charitable giving, making compulsory donations (Zakaat) and voluntary donations (Sadaqa).

While many people may provide their donations to relatives or to their local mosque for distribution, there are also a number of registered Irish charities that can help.

Those who wish to donate to a registered charity are encouraged to check the Charity Register.

The Charity Register is a free, online database that you can search for registered charities. The Charity Register provides information on charities, including who the charity benefits and where it operates.

Donors can also take these steps before donating:

- Check the charity name, logo and charity number that appear on any collection leaflets;
- Ensure any fundraising materials have clear contact and registration details for the charity;
- Check that the person collecting the donation has official identification and has a permit to collect in that particular area;
- Ask if the collector knows what the charity does and can give examples of its work;
- Do not provide your personal, credit card or online account details unless you know it is a trusted source;
- If you think that there is something wrong, contact the charity directly and alert them to your concerns.

If any member of the public suspects that an organisation is not in compliance with charity law they should contact the Charities Regulator Concerns line on 01 633 1550 or online at <http://www.charitiesregulator.ie/en/CRA/Pages/Concern>

To access the Charity Register, visit

[http://www.charitiesregulator.ie/en/cra/pages/search\\_a\\_charity](http://www.charitiesregulator.ie/en/cra/pages/search_a_charity)

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