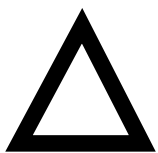
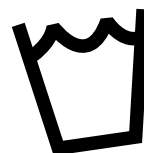
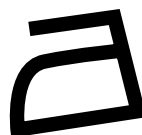


Give with care

Over 90% of the goods sold in charity shops are donated by people like you, and charities rely on your continuing support and generosity.

Household collections are a popular way for charities to collect donations, but beware – some of these collections are bogus.



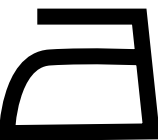
Don't stop giving

Donating your clothing and other goods to genuine charities helps to raise vital funds. Taking care when making your donation means that you can be sure that your help goes to those who really need it – and that charities don't lose out.



Be aware

Unfortunately, anonymous 'bogus' collectors may try to exploit your generosity for their own gain, costing genuine charities at least £2 million a year.



Be careful

Don't be taken in. Read the small print. Know where your donation is going. Check contact details, as they might be false.



Check before you give

- Ring the Charity Commission helpline (**0845 300 0218**) or visit their online register of charities (**www.charitycommission.gov.uk**) to see whether the name or number given belongs to a legitimate registered charity.
- Contact your local authority to check whether the collector has been licensed.
- Call Consumer Direct for further advice (**08454 04 05 06**) or visit the 'Watch out!' section of their website (**www.consumerdirect.gov.uk**).