



Public must be vigilant regarding house-to-house collections if they want charities to benefit

27 December, 2017

The Charities Regulator has urged the public to take steps to ensure that unwanted clothing and other items they intend to donate to charity through house-to-house collections, actually go to registered charities.

“Our compliance team received a steady flow of concerns from the public during 2017 about individuals and organisations who are carrying out house-to-house collections, but are not registered charities,” Charities Regulator Chief Executive John Farrelly said.

“In many cases people are donating valuable items and, if they want these to go to charity, they must be vigilant.”

During 2017 the Charities Regulator received 30 reports from the public, expressing concern about people and/or organisations operating house-to-house collections of unwanted clothing and other goods, and whether or not they were registered charities.

“We are concerned not only by the quantity of reports we are receiving, but also the increasing trend in this regard,” Mr Farrelly said. As a result of the level of public concerns being raised, the Charities Regulator today published a public update on the issue.

Before making a donation, potential donors should ensure they are satisfied that the organisation they are making a donation to is a registered Irish charity.

Leaflets and bags received for clothing collections from registered Charities should clearly display the following in respect of the charity:

- The charity’s name;
- The charity’s logo;
- Registered Charity Number and
- Contact details for the charity.

One of the functions of the Charities Regulator is to maintain a register of charitable organisations. All charitable organisations that intend to operate or carry on activities in the State are required to apply to the Charities Regulator for inclusion on the register. The register is available online and can be accessed by the public.

Potential donors can ensure an organisation seeking a donation is a registered charity by checking the register at the link below:

<https://www.charitiesregulatoryauthority.ie/en/cra/pages/charitysearch>

Under Section 41 of the Charities Act 2009 it is an offence for any person to advertise on behalf of, to invite members of the public to give money or property to or to accept such money or property on behalf of an charitable organisation that is not registered, or for an unregistered charitable organisation to carry on such activities.

It is also an offence under Section 46 of the Act for a body (other than a registered charitable organisation), to describe itself or its activities in a manner that would cause a member of the public to reasonably believe that the body was a charitable organisation.

If a member of the public suspects that an organisation is not in compliance with charity law they should contact the Charities Regulator via the concerns line on 01 633 1550 or by completing the online form at

[http://www.charitiesregulator.ie/en/cra/pages/raise a concern about a charity](http://www.charitiesregulator.ie/en/cra/pages/raise_a_concern_about_a_charity)

To read the Charities Regulator's public update document visit

<http://www.charitiesregulator.ie/en/CRA/Clothing%20collections%20public%20update%20.pdf/Files/Clothing%20collections%20public%20update%20.pdf>

Below are examples of labels in respect of clothing collections by organisations that are **NOT** registered charitable organisations. They were brought to the Charities Regulator's attention by members of the public.

**DOOR TO DOOR APPEAL
ON BEHALF OF
BELARUSSIAN CHERNOBYL
CHILDREN'S CHARITY**

Charity ref. No. Ir 34504



Our clothes collection fund raising appeal has been running for a while now. Based on its success, we have formed a partnership with J.S.D collection agency in your area.

**We are asking for your unwanted textiles:
CLOTHES (ADULTS & CHILDREN'S)
SHOES, CURTAINS, TOWELS, HATS, BELTS, BLANKETS etc.**

Sorry no bric-a-brac or quilts

Please apply this sticker to a bag of unwanted clothing and leave it with any other bag(s) you wish to donate at your front door from 9.00 am (sharp) on day shown below:



Fundraising Collection Van Tel No.

R.O.I 0851059642 and N.I. 07824349009

Thank you for your support!

B.C.C.C. is a Voluntary "HANDS ON CHARITY" Based in County Down. Our work includes:

1. Annual children's recuperative holiday programme.

Please note J.C.D. collections or B.C.C.C. cannot be held responsible for any valuables donated by mistake - for emergencies please telephone:

JSD (NI) LTD on (N.I) 014018511 or R.O.I. 02890826075

GOD BLESS YOU ∞∞∞

**UNWANTED
CLOTHING
COLLECTION**



Dear Householder,

Please donate all types of wearable Ladies, Gents, Children's clothing, Blankets, Shoes etc., that you have no further use for.

Please fix the label provided to bags or boxes and place outside your home in clear view on this:

MON TUE ~~WED~~ THUR FRI SAT

COLLECTION STARTS AT 8.00 AM
Tel: +353857647637



**Thank you for
supporting
helping and caring for
poor people.**

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URGENT CLOTHING APPEAL

Dear householder,

If you have unwanted clothes, which are still good to use, but you do not know what to do with them, we are here for you.

We are "Developing World Clothing" company, who collects such clothes and provides them to communities who need urgent help. We make clothes affordable for single mothers and their children, old and disabled people, who can't afford to buy new clothes. If you are concerned about others problems, you now know who we are.

Please donate your old, unwanted:

- All types of clothing
- Paired shoes
- All household textiles



Let's care about others together!

Please, attach this leaflet to the plastic bag or box filled up with donated items and leave it visible outside your front door. We will collect before 8.00 a.m. on the day indicated below.

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

From 8 a.m.

Phone: 0857647637
Co.Reg.No: 287899

IRISH CLOTHING COLLECTION

We urgently need your help to support children and their parents who live in poverty and need.

WE GLADLY ACCEPT:
THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MAY NEVER WEAR AGAIN:
LADIES, GENTS, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, TOYS, BLANKETS, SHOES ETC.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS.

Your collection day is indicated below:

MON TUE **WED** THUR FRI SAT

All you have to do is to put the items into plastic bag, and affix the label on the bag. Leave visible outside your front door. Collection start from 8 am

Contact information
Tel. No. +353857647637



IRISH PROGRAM OF UNWANTED CLOTHING COLLECTION

to improve lives and welfare for poor people

**Thank you for your continued
support by giving**

- *All types of cleaned and dry Ladies, Gents and Children's clothing
- *All household textiles
- *All kind of cleaned and dry underwear - Ladies, Gents, and Children's
- *Shoes - Ladies, Gents and Children's

*please fix the label provided to bags or boxes and leave them
in clear view outside your front door on this*

Mon Tue Wed ~~Thur~~ Fri Sat

from 8 a.m.
Thank you for carrying
Mobile
0857647637

Dear Householder

CLOTHING COLLECTION



*Please donate any unwanted ladies, gents,
children's clothing, shoes in pairs, underwear,
nightwear & bedding etc. All suitable items will
be sent to Ukraine, Africa and some other
countries and with your help we can improve the
lives of many.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
Your collection day:

MON TUE WED THUR ~~FRI~~ SAT

Please put these items into plastic bags, stick the leaflet
on the bag and leave visible outside your front door before
9.00 a.m. on the day indicated below. Come rain
or shine, we will collect between 9 a.m. & 2 p.m.

ALL VANS HAVE IDENTIFICATION SIGNS
ALL OUR COLLECTORS WEAR IDENTIFICATION CLOTHING

WE DO NOT ENCLOSE A BAG BECAUSE THE SAFETY OF
YOUR CHILDREN AND PETS CAN BE PUT AT RISK

VAT. Reg. No: IE 2473424P

www.viltis.eu

Clothing collection

NOT EVERY FAMILY IN COUNTRIES CAN AFFORD TO BUY NEW
EXPENSIVE CLOTHES FOOTWEAR AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.
**YOU CAN HELP BY KINDLY DONATING ANY
OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW**

**CAN YOU PLEASE SPARE YOUR OLD,
UNWANTED ALL TYPES OF CLOTHING**

Please put these items into a plastic bag and leave it in clear view
outside your door before 9 am on the day indicated below.

To identify bag please:

**PEEL OFF THE LABEL AND STICK ON TO THE BAG
WHATEVER THE WEATHER WE WILL COLLECT**

MON TUES ~~WED~~ THU FRI SAT

ALL ITEMS COLLECTED WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN
SECOND HAND SHOPS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US.

R.N. 3321360W, TEL. 0863923681

SAFETY FIRST:

Please keep plastic bags away from small children and pets

The Third World CLOTHING APPEAL



DEAR HOUSEHOLDER

PLEASE DONATE ANY ITEMS OF CLOTHING
BEDLINEN, SHOES.

ALL SUITABLE ITEMS WILL BE SENT TO THIRD
WORLD COUNTRIES AND WITH YOUR HELP WE
CAN GREATLY IMPROVE THE LIVES AND
WELFARE OF THOSE IN NEED.

THANK-YOU!

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS PUT YOUR UNWANTED
SHOES AND CLOTHES INTO PLASTIC BAGS AND
STICK THIS LABEL ON THEM.

LEAVE THEM IN CLEAR VIEW ON YOUR
DOORSTEP ON THE COLLECTION DAY
INDICATED BELOW.

COLLECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE WHATEVER
THE WEATHER AFTER 9.00 A.M.

COLLECTORS CAN NOT CALL BACK FOR
MISSED BAGS DUE TO RISKING COLLECTION
COSTS

TOMORROW
Tel. +04830835712
WE DO NOT ENCLOSE A BAG
BECAUSE THE SAFETY OF YOUR
CHILDREN AND PETS CAN BE PUT AT RISK
CHARITY NUMBER
XO/453190



Urgent Clothing Appeal

do you want to help those in need of real help?

- people with physical disabilities (specific need for male adults clothing)
 - orphans & homeless people
- elderly people left behind with no families

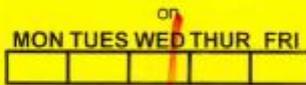
HOW YOU CAN HELP IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY

Please donate all type of wearable clothing that the people living with you no longer need
Ladies, Gents & Children's Clothing & Shoes.
They could genuinely save lives

What to do now

1. Place all of your unwanted items into plastic bags
2. Stick this label onto one of the bags
3. Leave your bags in **clear view** for our drivers, outside your door

(Due to high number of bag collectors **PLEASE DO NOT** take out bags earlier than **1 HOUR** before collection. **THANKS**).



We will begin collecting at 9am. This sticker enables us to see the bags on dark mornings. Please place the **sticker in clear view**, we don't want to miss it
Also, the weather never stops us

This collections is graciously carried out by Hand Collection Service Limited

Charity number 2842992, e-mail: charityofclothes@gmail.com



Please donate for breast cancer prevention programme.

If we are able to diagnose breast cancer early enough, we may be able to save women's lives.

Please help by donating any type of ladies, gents and children's clothes & shoes.

DO NOT DELAY!

Your collection day is:

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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Collection starts from 9 am

All you have to do is:



Fill a plastic bag with your unwanted clothes



Stick this label onto it



Leave it in clear view on your doorstep

Please keep plastic bags away from small children and pets.

Thank you for your help!



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Used Clothing Collection



Dear Householder,
We would be thankful if you could share your spare unwanted clothing.

We collect all types of wearable Ladies, Gents and Children's clothing, shoes, household textiles and soft toys.

All donated items will be shipped to developing countries. With your help we can greatly improve the lives and welfare of those in need.

Please help us to help them

Try and fill your bag or box with unwanted goods, fix the label provided and leave outside your house in clear view.

Your collection day is

MON TUE **WED** THU FRI SAT

Collections start from 8 am

Contact Tel: +353857647637

Thank you for Caring!

Clothes for CHARITY

We operate in Co. Cork only, please beware of bogus collectors elsewhere.

Please donate all types of Clothing, All household Textiles, Bed linen, Towels and Curtains, Underwear, Toys, Paired shoes
Everything collected is donated to Irish Charity 'Sunlight Housing Foundation LTD' that supports homeless and abused children all around Ireland.

CHARITY No. 5088805

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

You can also DONATE unwanted brick and brack, jewellery, phones, computers and other electronics.

If you have missed our collection, or we missed your donation - don't throw it away!
e-mail or text us, and we will collect from your address!

We will collect whatever the weather, starting at 9 AM.
YOUR COLLECTION DAY:

MON TUE **WED** THU FRI

e-mail: sunlighthousefoundation@gmail.com

phone: 087 663 4615

For more information: email press@charitiesregulator.ie or contact Eamon Timmins, Head of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement, at 01-6331517 or 087-7520978.

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