

6. Don't donate right away. Wait. Do not give them anything on the first pass. You have homework to do. Resist high-pressure, emotionally charged appeals.

Now that you have made contact with someone soliciting your donation, you need to confirm the information you've received. Your goal, ideally, is to find a reliable phone number altogether different from that which the first solicitor provided you, though connected with the same institution, and speak to someone who can confirm the solicitor's good intentions.

Good places to start are either the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, the American Institute of Philanthropy, or Guide Star. We have provided their phone numbers and URLs below. If you suspect the solicitation was a sham, you can report the questionable solicitation to these same institutions. You may also report them to the Federal Trade Commission.

If you can't confirm the solicitor's group, a growing caution would be prudent. Remember, simply calling the number your original solicitor gave you will prove nothing. You might simply be making a return call to a scam artist. Waiting for the mail-out material that you requested in step number four might be justified at this point. Once you have found a reliable alternate number, run down the above list with the corroborating person you have contacted, and reconfirm the information received in questions one through six. If it squares up, you're in business.

Charity Scam Prevention:

BBB Wise Giving Alliance: 1 (703) 276-0100 or go on line at www.give.org Guide Star: 1 (757) 229-4631 or go on line at www.guidestar.org

American Institute of Philanthropy: 1 (773) 529 2300 or go on line at www.charitywatch.org

Federal Trade Commission: 1 (877) FTC-Help [1 (877) 382-4357] or go on line at www.ftc.gov

Identity Theft:

Federal Trade Commission: 1 (877) 438-4338 or go on line at www.consumer.gov/idtheft

Equifax: 1 (800) 525-6285 or go on line at www.equifax.com

Experian: 1 (800) 311-4769 or go on line at www.experian.com

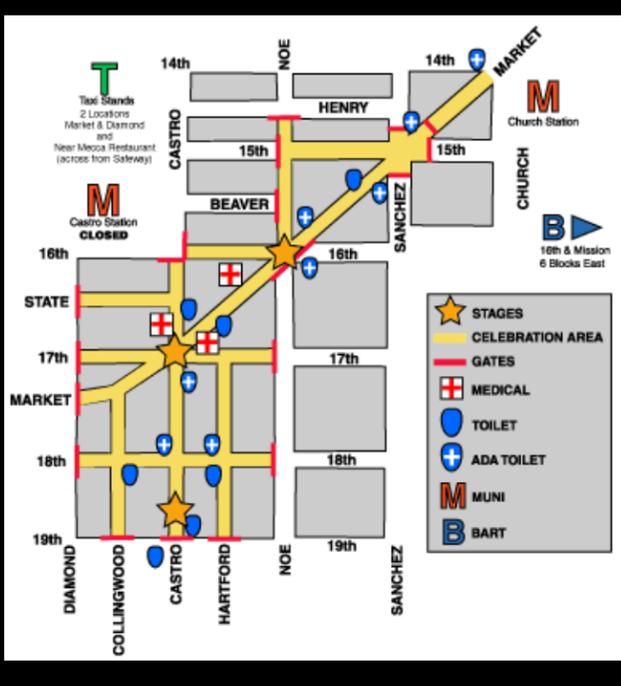
Trans Union 1 (800) 680-7289 or go on line at www.transunion.com

U.S. Postal Service: for consumer complaints, 1 (800) 275-8777



Halloween is almost here!

Get ready. Below is a map of the event venue and fare gates. Donations collected will be distributed among local charities. Please see the website www.halloweinthecastro.com for more information on street closures, MUNI reroutes and entertainment. Be safe and enjoy!



The map shows the celebration area in yellow, bounded by 14th and 19th streets and between Diamond and Sanchez streets. It includes locations for medical facilities, toilets, ADA toilets, and transit stations (Muni and BART). Key streets shown include 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, Diamond, Collingwood, Castro, Hartford, Noe, and Sanchez.

Neighborhood Residential Property Sales Data 3rd Quarter 2005

Property Type	Number Sold	Average Sale Price
Single-Family	25	\$1,406,779
Condo/TIC		
1-Bedroom	11	\$562,909
2-Bedroom	27	\$763,296
3-Bedroom	15	\$1,023,333
Multi-unit Building		
2-unit	8	\$1,486,875
3-unit	7	\$1,590,214
4-unit	1	\$1,550,000

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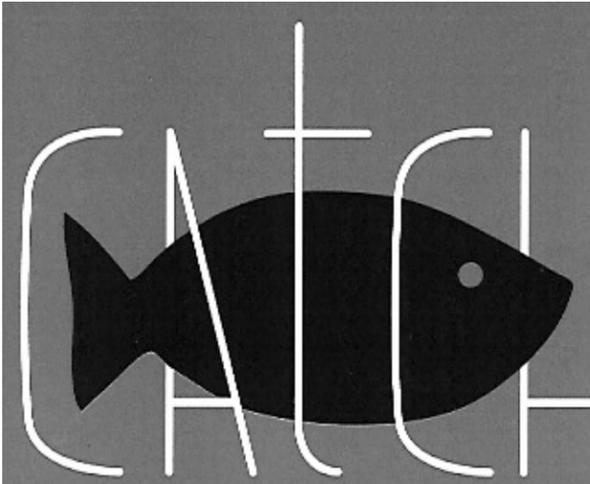
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