

**FBI ISSUES IMPORTANT WARNING TO  
INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO  
THE RECENT JAPAN EARTHQUAKE-SUNAMI  
DISASTER:**

Look out for Japan Disaster Aid Appeals which ask for a money-wire transfer::

Scam Artists did not waste a minute before they found creative ways to line their pockets in the wake of the recent Japan disaster. As always, Scam Artists and Con-Men are quick to use current events to take the advantage of individuals and entities who wish to make a donation to the relief efforts currently going on in Japan due to the recent disaster.

The FBI and other consumer agencies issued an alert this week warning potential donors to the Japan Disaster Relief Fund to be leery of receiving unsolicited e-mails, telephone calls [ cell and/or land line calls] , solicitation by mail and/or other communication devices which ask the recipient to make Japan aid donations via wire transfers. The FBI asserts that, ” legitimate charities don’t make requests for wire transfers”

Also, be careful of bogus internet websites that are almost identical to the real charitable entity. These bogus web sites direct donors to make donations to the Scam Artist instead of the intended relief charity. When in doubt, make donations directly to a charity that you are familiar with and had prior dealings with. See Resource Page for “ Consumer Tips-Charitable Contributions”