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Collecting for a Charity

The *Collections for Charities Act 2001* applies to any person who solicits money for a charitable purpose from the public. The law applies to incorporated bodies, individuals, non-incorporated bodies and religious organisations.

Applications for permission to collect for a charity

You do not need to apply for permission to solicit for charitable donations if your organisation is incorporated in Tasmania or is a corporation whose principal office is located in Tasmania.

You must apply for permission to solicit for charitable donations if you are:

- an organisation incorporated in a State or Territory other than Tasmania;
- a corporation whose principal office is located in a State or Territory other than Tasmania;
- a non incorporated group or association; or
- an individual wishing to collect for a charitable purpose but not on behalf of a charitable organisation.

Requirements for disclosure by collectors

Whenever people collect money in person, they must wear an identity card showing their name, the name of the organisation they represent, and the State or Territory in which the principal office of that organisation is located.

Where people collect by telephone or through any other media, such as television, radio or newspaper, they must provide certain information about the organisation and the purpose of the collection.

Restrictions on door knocking and soliciting by telephone

The law says that collectors can telephone residential numbers to seek donations only between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. The law also prohibits collectors from calling at peoples homes after sunset.

Restrictions on collections by children

Children under the age of 12 years may collect money only if they are under the immediate control of an adult. Between the age of 12 years and 15 years children may only collect money under the supervision of an adult.

Explanatory Booklet and forms

An explanatory booklet is available from our website at: www.consumer.tas.gov.au. This booklet provides a detailed guide to the requirements of the *Collections for Charities Act* and the responsibilities of persons and organisations seeking donations from the public. Application forms are also available from this web site.

