



## Advice about the Law Relating to Fundraising

### For members, legal help is at hand

The Institute provides a legal helpline as a member service, run by solicitors **Bircham Dyson Bell**.

Please telephone **020 7227 7000** and ask for the Institute of Fundraising's legal helpline, ensuring that you have your membership number ready.

The Institute's [Codes of Fundraising Practice](#) highlight the relevant sections of the law that apply to the specific technique covered in each Code.

The [Office of the Third Sector](#) provides updates on charity law, including implementation of the Charities Act 2006.

The Charity Commission provides guidance on aspects of fundraising in addition to charity registration, governance and operational advice. The Commission's publications CC20, *Charities and Fund-Raising* and CC20a, *Charities and Fund-raising - A Summary* are particularly relevant and can be downloaded from the [Publications Section](#) of their website.

For charities registered in Scotland, the [Office of the Scottish Regulator \(OSCR\)](#) provides guidance.

The [Draft Charities Bill](#) to establish a Charity Commission and Charity Tribunal for Northern Ireland can be viewed on the website of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

The Institute recommends that professional advice be sought if an organisation is in doubt about particular legal requirements in relation to its fundraising activities. The [Charity Law Association](#) can provide you with a list of its members.

Up-to-date information about changes to charity law can be found on the [Charity Law](#) page of this website.

For general information on interpreting the Codes of Fundraising Practice, [contact the Policy team](#).

### Related Links

- [Bircham Dyson Bell](#)
- [Codes of Fundraising Practice](#)
- [Office of the Third Sector -Charity Law](#)
- [Charity Commission - Publications](#)
- [Office of the Scottish Regulator](#)
- [Northern Ireland Draft Charities Bill](#)
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