

PHHWV is a non-profit organisation committed to providing hope for Victorian equines through education, rehabilitation and advocacy.

Press Release

WARNING: Fraudulent Use of Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria's Name

Please be aware that innocent people are being targeted by fraudsters, posing as representatives of PHHWV. These unscrupulous people are making unsolicited contact to members of the public as a means of obtaining horses or requesting urgent donations.

PHHWV would like to make it clear that these people have absolutely no connection with our organisation. All PHHWV representatives are trained, and all welfare cases and fundraising activities are recorded and adhere to strict guidelines.

The following are signs to look out for if you think you may be targeted:

- The contact claiming to have numerous horses in their care (It is rare that more than one horse is in the care of a PHHWV representative).
- PHHWV **does not** purchase or sell horses **under any circumstances**.
- The contact is not able to provide adequate identification of who they are.
- Requests for your credit card or bank account details.
- Failure to provide a receipt (PHHWV donations are tax deductible so you will need to obtain a receipt to claim your deduction).
- Direct marketing tactics (PHHWV does not solicit donations through telemarketing or direct mail).
- Watch out for similar sounding names - phony charity's can use names that are very similar to our or other reputable organisations.
- Refuse high pressure tactics – PHHWV will never push you to give on the spot.

If you think you have been targeted please let us know the details by email at info@phhvv.org.au or telephoning 1300 881 606.

PHHWV takes deceptive and fraudulent behaviour very seriously and will be referring all cases to the Police.

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