

Tips for players on keeping Lottery play safe and secure.

1.

Check your tickets. Make sure you receive the ticket you intended to buy. Players are responsible for checking the accuracy of tickets before leaving the store. Know the game being played. Game specific brochures are available at Lottery retailers.

2.

Sign the back of your ticket immediately after purchase. Signing the back of the ticket is the single most important thing you can do to protect yourself from theft and to prove you own the ticket. Lottery tickets are bearer instruments. **Until you sign your ticket, anyone can claim its prize.**

3.

Keep your Lottery tickets in a safe place. The Lottery is not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen tickets.

4.

Use self-check. Self-check ticket checkers can be found at the play center area of most retailers. You can check your tickets prior to taking them to the register for payment. Self-check terminals only check prize amounts. **A winning ticket can ONLY be redeemed on a retailer terminal.**

5.

Check your ticket before handing it to a retailer for payment.

- ✓ Know how much the ticket is worth before cashing.
- ✓ **DO NOT** rely on prize amount codes for accurate prize amount.
- ✓ Know the game rules which can be found at wilottery.com.
- ✓ If you suspect the prize is valued at \$600 or more, make a copy of the front and back of the ticket before redeeming it.

6.

If your ticket is a winner: ask the retailer to show you the cash authorization receipt as proof of the prize amount. **The retailer retains winning ticket(s) and cash authorization receipt(s) for their record keeping purposes.**

7.

If your ticket is not a winner and you think it is a winner: ask for the ticket back and ask the retailer for a copy of the validation receipt after they scan your ticket.

8.

If you still have questions regarding your ticket, contact the Wisconsin Lottery at 608-266-7777.



Tips to Avoid a Scam



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- Beware of a prize notice for a contest or promotion you never entered. If you have not entered, you probably have not won.
- Know that legal lotteries don't require payment of fees or surcharges to collect a prize. Legitimate lotteries do not require winners to pay anything up front to receive a prize.
 - ✓ All Lottery winnings are taxable. The Lottery automatically deducts the appropriate federal and state withholding rate for any winnings \$2,000 and up.
 - ✓ Tickets, transactions and winnings are subject to state law and Lottery regulations.
- Reject telephone, mail or internet offers to buy a ticket for a chance into another state's or country's lottery. It is against the law to purchase foreign lottery tickets or lottery tickets sold outside of the state of origin. Scam artists use the names of both legitimate and fraudulent lotteries to steal from unsuspecting individuals.
- Never provide personal information, such as bank account numbers, credit card numbers or Social Security numbers over the phone.
- Beware of "urgent" solicitations that require an immediate response. It's a common tactic used in scams that gives you little time to check out the offer.
- Legitimate lotteries do not guarantee that you win a prize and do not require people to join prize pools to play.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the Problem Gambling Help Line: 1-800-GAMBLE-5. (1-800-426-2535)



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