

**WAC 230-16-040 Winner protection and secondary verification codes.**

(1) Each manufacturer must create methods of winner protection for each punch board and pull-tab series, except spindle-type pull-tab series. This protection must allow operators, us, and other law enforcement personnel to distinguish opened winning pull-tabs from non-winning, altered, or forged pull-tabs, or pull-tabs from another series. Manufacturers must:

(a) Establish a primary winner protection for each pull-tab series; and

(b) Use special numbers, colors, designs, ink, or any combination of these to create the primary winner protection; and

(c) Completely hide the protection from view and ensure it is undetectable before players open the pull-tabs; and

(d) Provide a written explanation of each winner protection method to us. The written explanation must include details and pictures, diagrams, or samples necessary to thoroughly explain the method; and

(e) Notify us in writing of any changes to protection schemes; and

(f) Use winner protection to identify winning pull-tabs after they have been purchased and opened and distinguish them from nonwinning pull-tabs.

(2) Pull-tabs that award prizes greater than twenty dollars must use a secondary verification code to prevent counterfeiting. We must approve all secondary verification methods before manufacturers use them within the state.

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