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CA Lottery Cautions Its 23,000+ Retail Partners: Don't Sell to Digital Ticket-Ordering Companies

SACRAMENTO – The California Lottery is sending a directive to its more than 23,000 retail partners about the dangers of selling to online lottery couriers, which are businesses that offer California Lottery ticket-ordering via websites or mobile apps.

In the directive, the California Lottery cautions that any retail partner knowingly engaging in ticket sales to online lottery couriers, their employees, agents, and/or contractors may be subject to the termination of their retailer contract.

“Online lottery ticket courier services are illegal in California,” said Carolyn Becker, California Lottery spokesperson. “We are thankful for the support of our retail partners in helping our customers play safely, rather than exchanging money with a third-party, unregulated business. Any California Lottery player who buys their games through an online courier is not eligible to win.”

Because these services are illegal, the California Lottery is prohibited from knowingly paying a prize on any ticket acquired through a digital service, and no retailer bonuses would be paid if the winning ticket was sold online.

To see the location of all 23,000+ California Lottery retail partner locations, click [here](#).

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$43.8 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, [retailer commissions and bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). California Lottery is also committed to promoting [responsible gaming](#). Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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