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Lottery reminds players to play responsibly with Powerball jackpot at \$230 million

(Madison)— The Wisconsin Lottery today reminded lottery players to play within their means with Wednesday night's Powerball jackpot at \$230 million.

"Powerball is a fun and exciting game as long as it's played responsibly," said Michael Edmonds, Lottery Director. "Spending more than you know you should is a ticket to trouble."

The odds of winning the Powerball jackpot are 1:146,000,000. Edmonds said with those odds, a player's chances of claiming the jackpot don't go up significantly whether he spends \$10 or \$100. In fact, Edmonds pointed out that many of Wisconsin's previous Powerball jackpot winners have spent \$5 or less on their winning tickets.

"That's one of the great things about Powerball. You don't have to spend a lot to win a lot."

Edmonds said the vast majority of Wisconsin residents play Powerball the way it's supposed to be played—for the fun of it. Still, when jackpots grow large Edmonds said the Lottery believes a reminder about playing responsibly is appropriate, especially as people unfamiliar with the game start getting more involved.

"Big Powerball jackpots are very exciting, because there's always that chance that you can be the one to win it all," said Edmonds. "It's fun to dream about having \$230 million, but this is the kind of dream you should enjoy with your eyes wide open."