

13:69D-1.36A Slot machines; hopper storage areas

(a) A hopper storage area may be used in connection with the operation of a slot machine, for the purpose of temporarily storing coins, prize tokens or slot tokens that are to be deposited only into the slot machine's hopper that corresponds with the coin or type of token stored in the hopper storage area.

(b) A hopper storage area shall be a separate secure compartment located within or adjacent to its corresponding slot machine.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a single hopper storage area may be used to store hopper fills for two or more slot machines. A hopper storage area used to supply two or more slot machines shall:

1. Be located on the casino floor in close proximity to its corresponding slot machines; and
2. Contain a separate marked compartment for each corresponding slot machine, so that all hopper fills stored in the hopper storage area can be segregated and identified by slot machine.

(c) Each hopper storage area shall:

1. Be constructed so as to provide maximum security for the coins or tokens stored in it;
2. Be secured by a locking system, as described in the casino licensee's internal controls. The locking system shall include two separate and different locking mechanisms, one of which may be the same as the key which opens the slot machine corresponding to that hopper storage area and shall be maintained and controlled by the slot department. The other locking mechanism, which shall be different from the locking mechanism securing the corresponding slot machine, shall be maintained and controlled by the security department, in a secure area within that department, and control of that locking mechanism may be gained only by a supervisor in that department. Transfer of control from this area may be undertaken only for use and return no later than the end of the shift of the department member to whom control was

transferred, and upon the approval of a supervisor of that department, and entry of the following information into a log:

i. The signature of the department member to whom control was transferred;

ii. The signature of the supervisor authorizing such transfer;

iii. The date and time transferred; and

iv. The date and time control was relinquished; and

3. Include a device that indicates when the door of the hopper storage area is open.

(d) Hopper storage areas shall be filled and utilized in accordance with the procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.41 and a casino licensee's system of internal controls. No hopper storage area and no compartment within a hopper storage area that supplies two or more slot machines shall contain more than triple the hopper inventory level of each of the hoppers in its corresponding slot machine.