

Withdrawal Limit Based on Mutable Balance State

The bug arises when **withdrawal limits are calculated based on** `address(this).balance` **at the time of withdrawal** — rather than fixing the baseline at the start of the limit window (e.g., per day). Because this balance is reduced with each withdrawal, the **limit keeps shrinking**, potentially rejecting valid withdrawals even if the total withdrawn amount is within the allowed quota (e.g., 10%).

This breaks user expectations and **makes the limit effectively tighter than intended**.

Cause

The contract uses the **current contract balance** (`address(this).balance`) *after* withdrawals have already happened within the window to validate future withdrawals. This causes the maximum allowed withdrawal amount to **dynamically decrease** during the day.

For example:

- Initial balance: 1000 ETH → 10% limit = 100 ETH/day
 - User 1 withdraws 50 ETH → balance = 950
 - User 2 tries to withdraw 50 ETH → $50 + 50 > 10\%$ of 950 (which is 95 ETH) → **fails**, even though **total withdrawal is within 100 ETH**
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Where to Look

1. Rate-limited withdrawal systems

- Daily/weekly/monthly limits on withdrawals
- Bridges, DAOs, treasuries, multisigs

2. Code that uses dynamic values in invariant conditions

- Especially expressions like:

```
require(amount + withdrawnSoFar <= address(this).balance * factor / 100)
```

3. **Systems with “sliding window” logic** but use **state-mutated variables** like `balance` instead of snapshotting or fixed references.
 4. **Bridges or layer-2 escape hatches** — where withdrawal caps are a common safety control.
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Why This Happens

Developers mistakenly assume that using `address(this).balance` reflects the system's capacity to withdraw funds proportionally. However:

- The **balance changes during the limit period**,
- Making the **reference point unstable** and prone to failure with multiple withdrawals,
- Especially in **multi-user environments**, where prior withdrawals reduce the allowable ceiling for later ones.

This is a form of **non-idempotent state logic**.

Recommended Solutions

1. Snapshot the Reference Balance at Window Start

Record `startingBalance` when the withdrawal window (e.g., daily) resets, and use it consistently:

```
uint256 limit = withdrawalFactor * s.snapshotBalance / 100;
require(_amount + withdrawnSoFar <= limit, "limit exceeded");
```

2. Avoid Using `address(this).balance` in Repeated Limit Checks

It's mutable and can be manipulated or unintentionally altered.

3. Separate Balance Accounting

Maintain internal accounting for limits independent of actual ETH balance.

4. Implement Window Resets Properly

Update snapshot variables like `snapshotBalance` at the start of each new limit window:

```
if (block.timestamp >= s.lastReset + 1 days) {
    s.snapshotBalance = address(this).balance;
    s.lastReset = block.timestamp;
    s.withdrawnAmountInWindow = 0;
}
```

5. Unit Test for Multi-Withdrawal Behavior

Always test scenarios where multiple withdrawals happen sequentially within a time window.