

NEVER GAMBLE WHEN STRESSED OR TROUBLED.

TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS.

AVOID ALCOHOL OR OTHER STIMULANTS.

GET HELP QUICKLY IF GAMBLING BECOMES MORE THAN A GAME FOR YOU.

LEAVE YOUR ATM AND CREDIT CARDS AT HOME.

SET A LIMIT ON TIME AND MONEY AND STICK TO IT.

DON'T LET GAMBLING BECOME YOUR MAIN PASTIME.

ONLY GAMBLE WITH MONEY SET ASIDE FOR ENTERTAINMENT.

**GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY.**

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Information for players

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the more you lose.

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## The odds are stacked against you...

There are lots of different reasons why people choose to gamble. People may gamble to socialise, for excitement or to pass the time.

When you gamble, the odds or chances are stacked against you in favour of the gambling operator, so that the 'House' wins in the end. Getting to know the odds of winning can really help put your chances into perspective.

### Electronic gaming machines

Gaming machines or pokies are a form of entertainment in clubs, hotels and casinos in Tasmania. Be aware that:

- the chances of having a major win are **very low**;
- games can be played rapidly so time can pass quickly;
- each game is independent. Past wins or losses on a machine make no difference to the next game; and
- it is easy to spend more than you plan to.

In Tasmania, gaming machines must return a minimum of 85 per cent of the total amount bet to players. Most pay out around 90 per cent. However, don't expect to get back 90 cents for every dollar you bet in a gaming session. Gaming machines are set up to return this amount over the entire period a game is in operation, which may be many years.

Modern gaming machines are controlled by computers. It is impossible for a player, for staff at a venue or for any other factor to influence or predict the results of a game. The symbols are selected as soon as you push the button. Nothing you can do will change the outcome of a game.

### Lotteries and instant scratch-its

There are a number of lotteries and instant scratch-its or scratchies available in Tasmania.

Be aware, the chances of winning the major prize in most lotteries and on an instant scratch ticket are **very low**. The chances of winning and the prize level vary depending on which game you play. There is no playing strategy that will increase your chances of winning these games.

### Casino games

A range of table games are available at casinos in Tasmania, including Blackjack, Roulette, Baccarat, Pontoon, Big Wheel and Poker. You need to know the rules of the games you play and how they may affect your chances of winning.

Be aware that gambling venues make money through the House Edge. The House Edge is the average amount of every bet that a venue gets to keep over time.

This advantage results in an assured percentage return to the venue over time and, for you, an assured percentage loss of what you bet. The House Edge assists the gambling provider, as a commercial business, to cover the cost of providing the game, paying the staff, maintaining the casino etc. Remember gambling operators are running a business and the House Edge is one way that they can make money.

### Wagering

Wagering is a type of gambling which involves betting on the outcome of an external event or fact, such as a sporting event.

Totalizators, online bookmakers and betting exchanges offer many ways to bet on many different levels, including fixed odds wagering, pari-mutuel and the matching of opposing bets between customers.

Be aware, wagering operators exist to make money from their businesses. The odds change depending on the team or horse, past performances and conditions of the day.

### Keno

Keno is a game of chance offered as entertainment in clubs, hotels and casinos in Tasmania. Be aware that:

- the chances of winning a major prize in keno are **very low**; and
- games are drawn continually so time can pass quickly.

Keno games run about every three minutes, seven days a week. Keno is played by selecting between one and 15 numbers (or "spots") out of a range of 80. Keno is required to return 75 per cent of the amounts wagered to players in prizes.

## What are the chances of winning?

1ST DIVISION IN TATTSLOTTO (1 game)

1 in 8.1 million

THE 9 SPOT IN A GAME OF TASKENO

1 in 1.4 million

1ST DIVISION IN POWERBALL

1 in 134.5 million

THE TRIFECTA IN A 13 HORSE RACE

1 in 1 716

TOP PRIZE ON AN INSTANT SCRATCH-ITS (\$2 ticket)

1 in 1.3 million

WINNING THE JACKPOT ON A GAMING MACHINE

(playing 20 lines)

1 in 2.5 million

The longer you play, the more you lose. You may have a win from time to time, but playing these games isn't a way to make money. Your chances of winning don't improve the longer or more often you play. The games are designed so that you lose your money in the long run.

For more information on the odds of winning please visit the websites below or contact the Liquor and Gaming Branch.

[www.gaming.tas.gov.au](http://www.gaming.tas.gov.au)

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