

## The odds of winning:

- 1st division in Gold Lotto  
(1 game)  
**1 in 8,145,060**
- top prize on a poker machine  
(playing maximum lines)  
**up to 1 in 7,000,000**
- 1st division in Powerball  
(1 game)  
**1 in 76,767,600**
- the trifecta in a 13 horse race  
**1 in 1,716**
- the 10 number jackpot on Keno  
(1 game)  
**1 in 8,911,711**

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Know  
the  
**FACTS**  
before  
you  
**PLAY**



Most people gamble at one point or another. It may be at the TAB, online (including sports betting), on lotto, on the pokies or in a casino. For most people, gambling is fun, entertaining and a chance to win a bit of money.

But for some, gambling can get out of control. They lose sight of the fact that gambling is a game designed to return less in winnings than is gambled. Gambling is not a reliable strategy to make money.

## Different game. Different odds.

The odds of winning differ for different types of gambling activities, but one element stays the same—the odds always favour the house.

### Sports betting/racing

For sports betting and racing, the odds change depending on the team or horse, past performances and conditions on the day. The TAB or sports betting agency will display the odds.

### Lotteries

*(includes Gold Lotto, Powerball and Instant Scratch-Its tickets)*

Golden Casket has information about the odds of winning for each of its lottery products available in-store or on the Golden Casket website.

### Casino games

Casinos provide information on each of their table games. Collect a brochure at the customer information desk to find out more.

### Electronic gaming machines

In Queensland, electronic gaming machines, or 'pokies' return, on average, between 85 and 92 per cent of the turnover to the gambler (return to player). This means 8 to 15 per cent of turnover is retained by gambling venues.

The return to player is achieved over the life of the machine—usually three to four years. This means you can't expect to receive 85 cents for every dollar you bet in a single gaming session.

You can never predict how each play on a gaming machine will end and none of these factors make a difference:

- the last time the machine paid out
- anything you or anyone else does to the machine
- how much you bet
- how long you have been playing
- past and future plays
- the time of day.

## Responsible gambling tips

- The responsible gambler doesn't let the game play them.
- Gamble for the fun of it, not for the money.
- Don't gamble to escape stress or boredom.
- Set yourself a limit and don't exceed it.
- Don't chase your losses. Leave. Walk away.
- Gamble only what you can afford to lose.
- Never borrow money to gamble.
- Stay in control and think of the people who need your support.

The key to being a responsible gambler is to stay in control and remember that gambling is just a game.

## Banning yourself from gambling

If you feel you're getting in over your head, speak to the venue's customer liaison officer about banning (excluding) yourself from gambling. Venue staff can also provide other gambling information and contact details for your local Gambling Help service.