

PLAYING THE POKIES KNOW THE FACTS

- WHO REALLY WINS ON THE POKIES?
- HOW DO THE POKIES WORK?
- WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF WINNING?

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WHO REALLY WINS?

Poker machines are a form of entertainment that you pay to use. The longer you play a poker machine, the more likely you are to lose all the money you have put in the machine.

THIS BROCHURE PROVIDES THE FACTS ABOUT POKIES AND YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.

FICTION: Poker machines are more likely to pay out at particular times of the day.

FACT: The result of each game is entirely random and is not affected by anything going on around you. The game has no way of knowing the amount of money the machine contains.

FICTION: You can confuse poker machines into paying out by altering play patterns.

FACT: No matter what you do, the computer program determining the result does not change. The machine responds only to you pushing the button.

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FICTION: You can make up for past losses by continuing to gamble.

FACT: The result of your last game has no bearing on the result of your next game. It is illegal for poker machines in Victoria to base outcomes of games on previous outcomes. Poker machines cannot react to the frequency of wins or losses. The games operate randomly at all times no matter how many wins or losses have occurred in the past.

**WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING THE POKIES,
THE ONLY THING YOU CAN CONTROL IS YOU.**

HOW DO GAMING MACHINES WORK?

IT'S RANDOM, YOU CAN'T INFLUENCE THE MACHINES

Most poker machines in Victoria have five 'reels' and three visible rows of symbols. Each time you play a poker machine, the computer program controls which symbols appear. Nothing you can do can influence the symbols that appear.

The computer's choice of symbol is entirely random. The symbol chosen for each reel is also determined independently of each other reel.

THE MACHINE IS NEVER 'DUE' TO PAYOUT

Poker machines cannot react to the frequency of wins or losses. The games operate randomly at all times no matter how many wins or losses have occurred in the past.

A machine that has not paid out for some time has no higher chance of paying out in the future.

Nothing you can do can influence the symbols that appear when the reels stop spinning.

THE POKER MACHINE IS THE WINNER

The 'return to player' setting is the average amount won by players as a share of the cumulative amount staked. By law, Victorian poker machine venues and the casino must return to players at least 87 per cent of the total amount that is bet each year.

It takes millions of games for a machine to tend towards its 'return to player' setting.

There is no individual requirement for an individual poker machine actually to return the expected rate in any given period of play.

WHAT ARE THE ODDS OF WINNING?

Smaller value prizes are more common than larger prizes. However, the total value of prizes paid to all players will always be less than the total amount of money gambled on any machine.

The table opposite contains the prizes and odds for a typical poker machine.

IN THE END THE MACHINES WILL WIN.

THE REAL CHANCE OF WINNING.

CHANCE OF WINNING	
Prize value in credits	Chance of prize in a single play line (including scatters)
	One chance in
More than 500 credits	10,198
200 to 499 credits	2,669
100 to 199 credits	1,458
50 to 99 credits	450
20 to 49 credits	246
10 to 19 credits	106
5 to 9 credits	53
1 to 4 credits	10
Prize type in symbol combination	Chance of combination occurring in a single play line
	One chance in
5 of a kind	4,784
4 of a kind	490
3 of a kind	45
2 of a kind	9

AT THESE **ODDS** YOU HAVE TO PLAY SEVEN GAMES IN A ROW TO HAVE A 50:50 **CHANCE OF WINNING** FOUR CREDITS.

BUT YOU HAVE TO PLAY MORE THAN 7,000 GAMES IN A ROW TO HAVE THE SAME CHANCE OF WINNING **500 CREDITS**.

THESE SIGNS MIGHT MEAN YOU HAVE A GAMBLING PROBLEM

- ☐ DO YOU GAMBLE TO HIDE FROM YOUR PROBLEMS?
- ☐ DO YOU THINK ABOUT GAMBLING EVERY DAY?
- ☐ DO YOU HIDE YOUR GAMBLING LOSSES FROM PEOPLE?
- ☐ DO YOU EVER BORROW MONEY FOR GAMBLING?
- ☐ DOES YOUR GAMBLING AFFECT YOUR WORK OR ROLE AS A PARENT?
- ☐ DO YOU SPEND MORE TIME OR MONEY THAN YOU CAN AFFORD?
- ☐ DO YOU THINK YOU CAN USE SKILL TO WIN ON A POKER MACHINE?

WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOUR GAMBLING IS BECOMING A PROBLEM

- STAY IN CONTROL
- SET YOURSELF A LIMIT AND DO NOT EXCEED IT
- DON'T CHASE YOUR LOSSES - WALK AWAY

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take the **problem** out of gambling

THIS BROCHURE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING ON POKER MACHINES. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF GAMING IN VICTORIA, PLEASE CONTACT THE VICTORIAN COMMISSION FOR GAMBLING AND LIQUOR REGULATION ON 1300 182 457.

GREEK Αυτό το φυλλάδιο περιέχει σημαντικές πληροφορίες σχετικά με τις πιθανότητες που έχετε να κερδίσετε στις μηχανές τύπου "φρουτάκια" (poker machines). Αν έχετε οποιαδήποτε παράπονα σχετικά με τη διεξαγωγή τυχερών παιχνιδιών στη Βικτώρια, παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε με την επιτροπή Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation στο 1300 182 457.

ITALIAN Questo opuscolo contiene importanti informazioni sulle tue probabilità di vincita al videopoker. Se vuoi lamentarti della condotta del gioco d'azzardo nel Victoria, chiama la Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation al numero 1300 182 457.

CROATIAN Ova brošura sadržava važne informacije o tome kakve su šanse dobitka na poker automatima. Ako imate ikakve pritužbe na način kako se igre na sreću vode u Viktoriji, molimo nazovite Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation na 1300 182 457.

ARABIC يحتوي هذا المنشور على معلومات هامة عن فرصك في الربح من آلات القمار. إذا كانت لديك أية شكوى عن عمليات المقامرة في ولاية فيكتوريا، يرجى الاتصال بـ Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation على الرقم 1300 182 457.

TURKISH Bu broşür, poker makinelerinde kazanma şansınız konusunda önemli bilgiler içermektedir. Eğer Viktorya'da kumar işlemlerinin yürütülmesi konusunda herhangi bir şikayetiniz varsa, lütfen 1300 182 457 nolu telefon kanalıyla Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation ile irtibat kurunuz.

CHINESE 本小冊子載有重要資訊，關於玩角子老虎機的贏錢機會。如果您對在維多利亞州的博彩業經營有任何投訴，請聯絡 Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation，電話 1300 182 457。

VIETNAMESE Tài liệu này bao gồm những chi tiết quan trọng về cơ may thắng khi kéo máy. Nếu quý vị muốn khiếu nại về việc chơi bài bạc ở Victoria, xin liên lạc với Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation, số điện thoại 1300 182 457.

RUSSIAN В настоящем информационном проспекте содержится важная информация о ваших шансах выигрыша на игровых автоматах. Если у вас есть жалобы на проведение азартных игр в штате Виктория, просьба обращаться в Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation тел. 1300 182 457.

SPANISH Esto folleto contiene información importante sobre su oportunidad de ganar en las máquinas tragamonedas. Si tiene alguna queja sobre la conducción de los juegos de azar en Victoria, llame a la Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation al 1300 182 457. Information correct as at June 2012.

MACEDONIAN Оваа брошура содржи важни информации во врска со вашите шанси да добиете пари на покер машините. Ако имате поплаки во врска со начинот на кој се регулира коцкањето во Викторија, ве молиме контактирајте ја Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation на 1300 182 457.

SERBIAN Ова брошура садржи важне информације о вероватноћи добијања на покер машинама. Ако имате неки приговор о спровођењу коцкања у Викторији, молимо вас да се обратите Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation на 1300 182 457.

POLISH Niniejsza broszura zawiera istotne informacje dotyczące szans na wygraną w grze na automatach do gier. Wszelkie skargi związane z zasadami funkcjonowania gier hazardowych w stanie Wiktoria kierować należy do Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation pod numer 1300 182 457.

KHMER ក្នុងសៀវភៅនេះមានព័ត៌មានសំខាន់ៗអំពីឱកាសនៃការឈ្នះនៃតាមម៉ាស៊ីនប្រើប្រាស់ស្រុងផ្លូវថ្មី។ ប្រសិនបើលោកអ្នកមានបណ្តឹងតវ៉ាណាមួយអំពី ការប្រព្រឹត្តនៃស្រុងស្រែងនៅក្នុងតំបន់ស្រុកទាំងនោះ Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation តាមទូរស័ព្ទលេខ 1300 182 457.

BOSNIAN Ova brošura sadrži važne informacije o tome kakve šanse imate da dobijete na poker mašinama. Ako imate bilo kakvih žalbi na to kako se igre na sreću vode u Viktoriji, molimo nazovite Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation na 1300 182 457.

ROMANIAN Această broşură conţine informaţii importante privind şansele dumneavoastră de a câştiga la maşinile electronice de poker. Dacă aveţi reclamaţii privind modul în care se desfăşoară jocurile de noroc în Victoria vă rugăm să luaţi legătura cu Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation la telefonul 1300 182 457.

PORTUGUESE Este folheto contém informações importantes sobre as probabilidades de ganhar em máquinas de póquer. Se tiver qualquer queixa sobre a conduta do jogo em Vitória, contacte a Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation através do 1300 182 457.

THAI เอกสารฉบับนี้มีข้อมูลสำคัญเกี่ยวกับโอกาสที่คุณจะเล่นบนเครื่องเล่นไพ่โป๊กเกอร์ หากคุณมีข้อร้องเรียนเรื่องการจัดการด้านการพนันในรัฐวิกตอเรีย กรุณาติดต่อ Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation ที่หมายเลขโทรศัพท์ 1300 182 457

SOMALI Warqadan waxay ka kooban tahay macluumaad muhiim ah oo ku saabsan fursad aad ku guuleysato mishiinada khamaarka. Haddii aad qabto wax cabasho ah oo ku saabsan anshaha cayaaraha khamaarka ee Victoria, fadlan la xiriiir Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation 1300 182 457.