



A number of myths, superstitions and false beliefs have developed around gaming machines.

MYTH 1

Machines are programmed to produce winning games if there have been too many losses recorded in a period.

FACT

Gaming machines operate randomly **AT ALL TIMES** no matter what wins or losses have occurred in the past.

MYTH 2

Gaming machines pay out more at special times of the day.

FACT

It makes no difference to a machine's operation if it is played at any particular time of the day or night.

MYTH 3

After a run of losing games, a player should continue playing because the machine will 'make up for it' by producing a run of wins.

FACT

Previous games have no influence at all over any game, or series of games, that might be played in the future.

MYTH 4

A machine can be tricked into producing winning combinations by:

FACT

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| • altering play patterns | FALSE | • altering the number of lines played | FALSE |
| • touching the machine in some way | FALSE | • discovering a secret 'skill' factor | FALSE |
| • changing bet levels | FALSE | • changing the speed of play | FALSE |

How gaming machines operate

All game results are determined by a Random Number Generator (RNG). This is a "chance machine" that selects the symbols for each game. Technology controls all aspects of the game from coin or note insertion to determining the outcome of each spin.

Hence the outcome of any game is always unpredictable

- Therefore you should EXPECT to lose money in the long run, as you cannot use any form of skill to beat the machine
- Do not bet money you cannot afford to lose – set a limit
- Try to keep a record of wins and losses after each session of play so you know how much you are spending
- If you drink alcoholic beverages when playing, do so in moderation – too much alcohol may lead to more money being spent than you intended at the start of play

Some players may experience problems with gambling. Signs may include:

- Thinking a lot about gambling activity
- Increasing amounts gambled and chasing losses
- Hiding signs of your gambling from family and friends
- Borrowing money to gamble, selling or pawning household items to meet bills or to gamble with
- Gambling to forget troubles

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