

Do You Know Your Limits?

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Majority of people who play for money choose to do so for both enjoyment and entertainment, without causing harm to themselves or others. Here are some key items to keep in mind while playing:

- Understand that you spend money when you play slot machines. Just like with various other forms of entertainment.
- Set a time limit before you start playing.
- · Set yourself a budget and stick to it.
- Try not to chase losses; instead, consider losses as the cost of entertainment.
- Do not play with money intended for other household expenses, and never play with borrowed money.

Facts for Players

Happdrætti Háskóla Íslands (HHÍ) is involved in various projects related to playing responsibly. The profits from HHÍ's operations go towards supporting the University of Iceland.

HHÍ's slot machines offer enjoyable games for individuals aged 18 and older. HHÍ emphasizes that players should be aware of their limits and play for entertainment and enjoyment. They should also be mindful of their responsibility while playing.

Payout Percentage and the Odds of Winning in Slot Machines

According to regulations the payout percentage must be a minimum of 89% of the value of the money that comes in. The average payout percentage for Gullnáman is approximately 92%. Keep in mind that this average is based on thousands of random outcomes and is unrelated to the odds of winning, which can vary for each game.

It is impossible to influence the odds of winning in slot machines. Keep in mind the outcome of the games is determined by pure chance. A sophisticated computer software ensures that all action and outcomes in a slot machine are completely independent of previous actions and how the machine is played.

Money Laundering

Money laundering is illegal by law and suspicious activity must be reported to the police, who will investigate the matter.

Myths About Slot Machines

A common question is: "Can you increase your chances of winning in any way?" The answer is NO.

It is impossible to predict the winning sequence in slot machines. Each symbol that appears is entirely determined by chance, over which you have no control. Stories about the odds are not true and many players falsely believe they can somehow influence the odds.

Myths We Want to Put to Rest:

- You cannot increase your odds of winning by pressing the button or touching the screen in a specific way. The outcome is determined the second you press "play."
- You cannot increase your odds of winning by choosing a slot machine based on its previous performance; machines are not "hot" or "cold." A big win does not increase or decrease the chances of another win on the same machine.
- You cannot increase your odds by playing more, practicing or using specific skills. Each spin of the wheel is entirely random.
- You cannot increase your odds by using any kind of "system" or lucky charms. The player cannot influence the outcome; chance alone determines it.

Know Your Limits

-Signs of Gambling Problems

Anyone who gambles is taking a risk. Here are some signs that could indicate a gambling problem.

Read them carefully and recognize your limits.

It is a Warning Sign When:

- You play for longer than you intended and lose track of time.
- You play for more money than you planned to or can afford.
- You play with borrowed money.
- You increasingly play for higher amounts.
- You deny or lie about your gambling.
- You receive criticism about your gambling from the people around you.
- Playing begins to affect your family, work, health or finances.
- · You feel guilty about your gambling.
- You attempt to recover losses by betting more money or betting more frequently.

If you think you are in trouble due to gambling or are concerned about someone close to you, do not hesitate to seek information and assistance from specialized websites on gambling issues or call the Red Cross helpline:

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Playing is Fun!

Playing should be an enjoyable experience and the games are designed with that in mind. Playing comes with a financial risk for players and responsible gambling plays a key role in the operations of Happdrætti Háskóla Íslands (HHÍ). The website abyrgspilun.is is a collaborative project between HHÍ and Íslandsspil. The site was launched in the autumn of 2009 and is the only one of its kind in Iceland, aiming to provide reliable and impartial information about playing for money.

Minimum Age for All Games: 18 Years

- The minimum age for slot machines and scratch cards is, without exception, 18 years. This applies to both playing and claiming winnings.
- Retailers are required to comply to these rules by verifying the age of players and asking for valid identification.

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For more information on responsible play visit **abyrgspilun.is.**





