# GAMBLING MYTHS

MYTH: When I win my money back, I'll quit.

**FACT:** Trying to win back money you've lost is a sign of a problem. Set limits on how much you want to spend. Consider your losses as the cost of a night out. Remember, the more you spend, the more you'll lose.

**MYTH:** Playing a machine that has not paid for a while increases your chances of winning.

**FACT:** A VLT will pay out when the random number generator stops on a winning symbol, whether it has paid recently or not.

**MYTH:** VLTs pay out more at certain times of the day, night, week or month.

**FACT:** The only thing that determines when VLTs pay out is the random number generator inside the machine.





#### **HELP & SUPPORT**

This brochure is intended to provide you with information about how VLTs work and the features you will find on the machines that you can use to guide your play and make informed decisions.

Odds are that over time, you'll lose more than you win.

If gambling is becoming more than just a game for you or anyone you know, contact the Problem Gambling Help Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for confidential, professional service from trained counsellors.

PROBLEM GAMBLING HELP LINE 1-800-306-6789

Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority

### GAMBLING RESPONSIBLY

Informed Decisions:
Playing Video Lottery Terminals



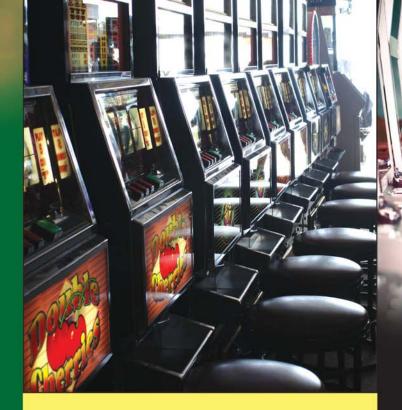
Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) are a form of entertainment. As with other forms of entertainment, there is a cost to play these games. Play smart and make informed decisions by knowing the facts about your play.

#### **HOUSE ADVANTAGE**

The payout for VLTs in Saskatchewan on average is 92.5 per cent over millions of games. The remaining 7.5 per cent is known as the 'house advantage' and, over time, players can expect to lose 7.5 per cent of the money they bet each time they hit the spin button.

House advantage and randomness work together. The effect is that the results are unpredictable (random), but the games are still profitable for the operator (house advantage).





#### **RANDOMNESS**

Every play on a VLT has a random outcome, meaning that no one can accurately predict what combinations or results will occur. Every VLT has a computerized random number generator that continuously cycles through millions of numbers at several thousand numbers per second, even when the machine is not being played.

The instant you press the spin button, numbers are selected that tell the computer what symbols to display. If you pressed the button a fraction of a second sooner or later, the result would be completely different. Every spin is independent and random, meaning that what happens next does not depend on the previous spin and all future outcomes will be unpredictable.

## RESPONSIBLE GAMING FEATURES FOR VLTs

Responsible gaming features on VLTs in Saskatchewan are tools that help support players to make informed decisions. These features include:

- · The ability to set time limits
- An on-screen clock to help increase awareness of the time spent gambling
- · Wagers displayed in dollars, not credits
- Players are limited to inserting \$60 at a time
- Automatic cash-out once the balance reaches \$1,250
- Responsible gambling video tutorial and messaging

These features are helpful tools to guide safe play, but they do not prevent someone from developing a gambling problem - it's the responsibility of the player to gamble with care.