

For most people, gambling is entertainment that can be enjoyed without a harmful effect. However, just as some people can become addicted to alcohol or drugs, a person can become addicted to gambling.

Problem gambling can affect anyone regardless of financial or social status. A night at the casino or at a bingo hall can be a pleasant experience, if you keep things in perspective and consider it as an alternative form of entertainment. So, when you play, do so responsibly.

Playing Responsibly

- ✓ **PLAY WITH A LICENSED OPERATOR** – The Lotteries and Gaming Authority (LGA) protects minors and vulnerable persons; safeguards the rights of players' rights, ensures the integrity of licensed games and gaming devices and aims to keep gaming free from criminal activity.
- ✓ **DECIDE BEFOREHAND HOW MUCH YOUR ARE WILLING TO WAGER** – As a leisure activity, gambling should not be eating away money from your disposable income that you require for necessities, so always play within your means!
- ✓ **KEEP WITHIN YOUR SAFETY LIMITS AND KNOW WHEN TO STOP** – Bonuses offered by numerous operations should not encourage you to set a higher limit on the amount you can comfortably wager.
- ✓ **BE AWARE OF HOW OFTEN AND FOR HOW LONG YOU PLAY** – Like any type of entertainment,



gaming should not be part of a daily routine. Set the frequency of how often do you intend to visit gaming establishments and set a target of how long you are predetermined to stay.

- ✓ **ASK FOR HELP** if you think you are having a problem with gaming – All the licensed gaming establishments make available problem gambling literature that will help you to be on the look for symptoms of pathological gambling.
- ✓ **REMEMBER THAT ANY FORM OF GAMBLING IS PREDOMINANTLY BASED ON CHANCE** – There are no systems or formulas to guarantee success.

BE AWARE THAT COMPULSIVE GAMBLERS ARE BOUND TO SUFFER SERIOUS SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES

What you shouldn't do when playing

- ✗ **WAGER BEYOND YOUR MEANS AND IF YOU ARE HAVING A LOSING STREAK, DO NOT WAGER MORE MONEY IN THE HOPE OF RECOVERING YOUR LOSSES.** There is no real reason to assume that the outcome of your next wager might be better than the preceding wager.
- ✗ **DRINK AND PLAY** – When gambling make sure that you are in control and not under the influence of any substance that might lead you to irrational decisions. Your gambling limit should be your own decision and made with a cool mind.
- ✗ **GAMBLE WITH YOUR LIFE** – Compulsive gambling is destructive and will have serious consequences on your life and that of your family and friends.

Initiatives taken by The Lotteries and Gaming Authority

The social perspective is of utmost priority to the LGA. Measures to combat gambling addiction and protect vulnerable players are enshrined in all gaming legislation.

Where possible the LGA:

- Promotes responsible gaming in a safe environment;
- Ensures awareness of pathological gambling to the general public;
- Provides adequate protection for minors and vulnerable persons;

- Assures that gambling is conducted in accordance with regulation to prevent crime and precludes players from being exploited;
- Encourages research programs for prevention and education.

Measures taken by the LGA

Exclusion of Certain Persons from Playing:

- 1. Age Prohibition** – No person under the age of 18 can enter a casino and only persons over 16 years of age can enter a Bingo Hall u buy lottery tickets. The 'Lotteries and Other Games Act, 2001' states that any person selling any game to person under the age of sixteen years shall be guilty of an offence and therefore his license will be suspended immediately.
 - 2. Alcohol/Drugs** - Any person who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or a drug or is acting in a disorderly manner will not be allowed to enter a casino, bingo hall and refrained from buying any lottery tickets. Any person who is subject to any means of gaming should be in a good state of mind and mental condition.
- For your own good, the law empowers the casino/bingo hall management to ask you to leave, if a member of the staff notices that you are not able to understand fully the nature or consequences of gaming and the potential of financial loss.

Self-barring

The player is entitled to request the casino or bingo hall to refuse his entry for a period of time between six months and one year. The gambler's request for self-barring will be transmitted to both the LGA and all the other casinos/commercial bingo halls, so that during the established period of time, the player will be refused entry into any casino/bingo hall in Malta. This helps the gambler to recover from his addiction and recoup his losses.



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The LGA strongly encourages players who are at risk to sign a self-barring agreement.

Limited Promotion and Advertising

The Authority gives maximum attention to all advertising of any means of gaming and lotteries. Licensees have to abide by the provisions of the Code of Conduct on Advertising, Promotions and Inducements.

Credit

Any form of loan or credit for gaming is prohibited.

Displayed Warnings and Information

All licensed gaming establishments should display in a prominent position:

1. Warnings to players to play responsibly and within their limits;
2. The age required for any player to enter a gaming establishment or buy lottery tickets;
3. The list of authorised games;
4. Minimum and maximum bets accepted as specified in the respective license.



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Ghal bosta persuni, il-loghob u l-imhatri huma meqjusa bhala mezz ta’ divertiment, bla ebda impatt negattiv fuq il-ġukatur. Madankollu, kif wiehed jista’ jaqa’ fil-vizzju ta’ l-alkohol jew tad-droga, wiehed jista’ jaqa’ fil-vizzju tal-loghob.

Il-loghob eċċessiv jista’ jaghmel hsara lil kulhadd – irrelevanti mill-istat soċjali u finanzjarju ta’ l-individwu. Ghalhekk hu importanti li l-ġukatur jilgħab bil-għaqal, b’responsabbiltà u jqis il-loghob f’casinos, fi swali tat-tombla kif ukoll l-imhatri u l-lotteriji bhala mezz iehor ta’ divertiment.

Ilgħab b’mod responsabbli

✓ **DEJJEM ILGHAB MA’ OPERATUR LIĊENZJAT** – L-Awtorità tal-Lotteriji u Loghob (LGA) tipproteġi lill-persuni minorenni u vulnerabbli; tissalvagwardja d-drittijiet tal-ġukatur; tassigura l-integrità tal-loghob liċenzjat mill-Awtorità u tara li l-apparat tal-loghob qed iithaddem b’mod legittimu.

✓ **IDDEĊIEDI MINN QABEL L-AMMONT TA’ FLUS LI SE TILGHAB** – Kwalunkwe tip ta’ loghob għandu jitqies bhala mezz iehor ta’ divertiment u ghalhekk qatt m’għandu jiehu priorita’ fuq in-nefqa għall-bżonnijiet bażiċi.

✓ **ŽOMM MAL-LIMITU FINANZJARJU TIEGHEK U KUN AF META GHANDEK TIEQAF** – Bosta stabbilimenti tal-loghob joffru tipi ta’ incentivi biex iheggu lill-ġukatur ikompji jilgħab. Taqax fit-tentazzjoni u taqbez il-limitu tieghekk.

✓ **IDDETERMINA MINN QABEL ID-DRABI LI SE ŻŻUR STABILIMENT TAL-LOGHOB U KEMM SE DDUM** – Bhal kull mezz iehor ta’ divertiment, il-loghob m’għandux ikun inkluz fir-rutina tieghekk ta’ kuljum. Kun determinat li ma ddumx tilgħab aktar milli tkun iddeċidejt.

✓ **FITTEX L-GHAJNUNA JEKK TAHSEB LI INT JEW XI HADD QIRIB TIEGHEK GHANDU PROBLEMA TA’ LOGHOB EĊĊESSIV** – L-istabbilimenti tal-loghob liċenzjati mil-LGA joffru informazzjoni utli dwar il-problema tal-loghob eċċessiv u sintomi li minnhom wiehed jista’ jiddetermina jekk hux vittma ta’ loghob eċċessiv.

✓ **FTAKAR LI KULL FORMA TA’ LOGHOB HU BAŻAT FUQ IX-XORTI** – L-ebda loghob m’għandu sistema jew formola li tiggarantixxi rebh lill-ġukatur.

DEJJEM FTAKAR LI L-LOGHOB EĊĊESSIV JISTA’ JWASSLEK GHAL PROBLEMI SOĊJALI U FINANZJARJI SERJI

X’m’għandekx taghmel meta tilgħab

✗ **TILGHABX AKTAR MILLI TISTA’ U JEKK QIEGHED TITLEF, TKOMPLIX TILGHAB BIT-TAMA LI TIRKUPRA T-TELF** – Ma tistax tassumi li r-riżultat tal-logħba li jmiss se jkun aħjar minn dik ta’ qabel.

✗ **TILGHABX JEKK TINSAB TAHT L-EFFETT TA’ L-ALKOHOL** – Meta tilgħab kun żgur li għandek kontroll tieghekk innifsek u m’intix taht l-influwenza ta’ l-alkohol, droga jew sustanzi oħra. Dawn iwassluk għal deċiżjonijiet li mhumix razzjonali.

✗ **TILGHABX B’HAJTEK** – Dejjem żomm f’moħħok li l-loghob eċċessiv jista’ jeqirdek u l-konsegwenzi fuqek u fuq il-familja tieghekk jistghu jkunu serji hafna.

Inizzjattivi ta’ L-Awtorità tal-Lotteriji u Loghob

L-ghan ewlieni ta’ l-Awtorità tal-Lotteriji u Loghob (LGA) hu li jinżamm bilanċ bejn il-perspettiva soċjali u dik ekonomika. Il-qasam soċjali hu priorita’ ewlenija għall-Awtorità. Dan hu rifless fil-leġislażjonijiet u r-regolamenti kollha tal-loghob li jimponu miżuri biex l-Awtorità tipproteġi lill-ġukaturi minorenni u vulnerabbli filwaqt li tiġġielel il-vizzju tal-loghob eċċessiv.

Fejn hu possibli l-LGA:

- Tippromovi loghob responsabbli f’postijiet m’hux riskjużi;
- Tassigura li l-pubbliku jkun mgħarraf dwar il-konsegwenzi tal-loghob eċċessiv;
- Tipprovdi l-protezzjoni meħtieġa lill-persuni minorenni u vulnerabbli;
- Tassigura li kull tip ta’ loghob isir skond il-liġi biex tipprevjeni l-kriminalità u tipproteġi lill-ġukatur mill-abbuż;

Mizuri mehuda mil-LGA

Persuni Projbiti milli jilgħabu:

1. Limitu ta’ età - Kull persuna taht it-18-il sena ma tistax tidhol f’casino, filwaqt li persuni li huma taht is-16-il sena ma jistghu jilgħabu l-ebda tip ta’ lotterija, tombla jew loghob iehor. L-Att dwar il-Lotteriji u Loghob lehor ta’ l-2001 jistabbilixxi li kull persuna li tbiegħ kull forma ta’ loghob lill-minorenni tkun qed tikser il-liġi u għalhekk il-liċenzja tagħha tkun sospiza b’effett immedjat;

2. Alkohol u Droga - Kull persuna li tidher li hi taht l-influwenza tad-droga, alkohol jew inkella mhix f’kontroll, ma tithallix tidhol fi stabbilimenti tal-loghob jew tixtri biljetti tal-lotterija.

Għal benefiċċju tal-ġukatur, operatur ta’ casino, swali tat-tombla jew lotterija għandu d-dritt li jvaqqaf lil kull persuna li fl-opinjoni tiegħu mhix qed tifhem b’mod ċar in-natura jew il-konsegwenzi tal-loghob kif ukoll it-telf li tista’ issofri.

Ftehim ta’ Self-barring

Il-ġukatur jista’ jitlob lill-casino jew lil sala tat-tombla biex ma jithallix jidhol fl-istabbiliment għal perijodu ta’ bejn sitt xhur u sena. L-istabbiliment fejn issir din it-talba jinforma lil-LGA kif ukoll lill-casinos (jew swali tat-tombla kummerċjali) kollha li huma awtorizzati, biex fil-perijodu stipulat, il-ġukatur ma jkunx jista’ jilgħab fl-ebda stabbiliment tal-loghob f’Malta.

Din il-miżura tghin lill-ġukatur biex jirkupra kemm mill-vizzju tiegħu kif ukoll finanzjarjament.

L-LGA thegġegħ lil kull persuna li tahseb li qeghda fir-riskju li taqa’ fil-vizzju tal-loghob eċċessiv biex tiffirma dan il-ftehim tas-self-barring.

Reklamar u Promozzjoni Limitata

L-Awtorità tal-Lotteriji u Loghob tagħti attenzjoni partikolari għar-reklamar kollu li jippromwovi kull mezz ta’ loghob u lotteriji. Min għandu liċenzja jrid jimxi mal-kodiċi ta’ kondotta li jirregola r-reklamar u l-promozzjoni tal-loghob u l-lotteriji.

Kreditu

Kull forma ta’ self u kreditu fuq loghob jew xiri ta’ biljetti tal-lotterija hu projbit.

Avvizi u materjal stampat li jintwerew f’kull stabbiliment tal-loghob awtorizzat

Kull stabbiliment tal-loghob awtorizzat għandu jesebixxi u jżomm f’post li jidher seww:

1. Avviż li jwissi lill-ġukatur biex jilgħab b’responsabbiltà;
2. L-eta’ li wiehed għandu jkollu biex jidhol fl-istabbiliment jew biex jixtri biljett tal-lotterija;
3. Il-lista ta’ loghbiet awtorizzati;
4. L-ogħla u l-anqas ammont ta’ flus li jista’ jintlagħab skond kif speċifikat fil-liċenzja rispettiva.



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