

## SMART TIPS FOR PLAYING VLTs

- 1. Set your time and money limits before you start**  
Deciding how much money and time you want to spend before you play is a good way to keep the games fun and enjoyable. Set a limit, and stick to it. To help you do this, check out [yourbestbet.ca](http://yourbestbet.ca).
- 2. Don't chase losses**  
Even though it might seem like a logical way to get back money when you've already lost, chances are your losses will only get larger.
- 3. Be aware that wins are random**  
No matter what you do, you cannot influence the outcome of a spin. Changing bet amounts, or trying to time the 'spins', have no effect on whether or not you'll win. Outcomes are randomly generated and cannot be influenced by anything you do.
- 4. Take breaks**  
Stepping away for a break or a walk is a great way to collect your thoughts and decrease any anxiety or stress the game may be causing. It may also prevent you from spending more than you had planned.
- 5. Never borrow money to gamble**  
Don't spend money already budgeted for other things, like rent or groceries. Stick to a gambling budget. If you spend your budgeted amount, stop gambling.

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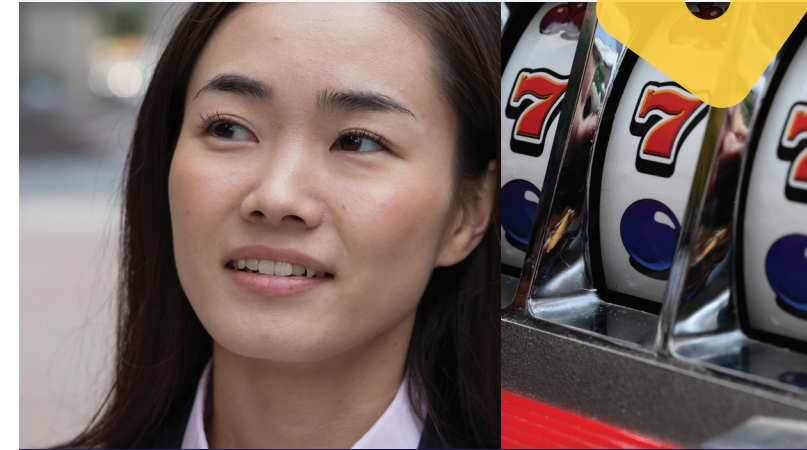
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Keep your play entertaining by only playing for fun, and sticking to your budget.



Your Guide to  
Playing VLTs

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VLTs can be entertaining when you play for fun. This brochure can help you manage your play by providing smart tips and giving you other information that can help you make more informed decisions.



The house rules have been developed to ensure that it wins more than the player.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT VLTs

There are many myths about how VLTs work, and how you can 'beat' the system to win more often. In reality, VLTs are like any other form of gambling. The results are random. You cannot control their outcome.

**MYTH:** If you leave a machine after playing for a while, the next player can steal your jackpot.

**FACT:** There's no such thing as 'stealing a jackpot'. VLTs randomly generate new numbers every millisecond (1,000<sup>th</sup> of a second). The number generated at the exact moment of play is the number that will determine a win or loss. For each millisecond, the numbers are different.

**MYTH:** There are 'hot' and 'cold' machines. 'Hot' machines are about to payout.

**FACT:** There's no such thing as a 'hot' or 'cold' machine. VLTs randomly generate numbers, so the wins and losses are completely unpredictable. The past performance of a VLT has nothing to do with the next play.

**MYTH:** It's possible to figure out a VLT's pattern to develop a strategy to win.

**FACT:** There is no way to influence or predict the outcome of a spin. There is no pattern to wins or losses because the outcomes are determined by randomly generated numbers. Even if you think you see a pattern, there isn't one. Results that look like a pattern are a coincidence.

**MYTH:** A VLT is 'due' to payout if it hasn't paid out for an extended period of time.

**FACT:** A VLT is never 'due' to payout. If a machine has not paid out in a long time, it could continue to not payout, or it could suddenly have a payout. It's completely unpredictable.

**MYTH:** VLT payouts run in cycles. You just have to play until the cycle runs its course in order to win.

**FACT:** While some people are reluctant to leave a VLT for fear that the next person who sits down and plays will 'steal' their jackpot, this cannot happen. The outcomes are completely random and winning and losing cannot be predicted in any way.

**MYTH:** A 'near win' is a sign that a VLT is about to payout.

**FACT:** Each play is random and independent. A 'near win' is as likely to occur as any other outcome and does not relate to the next play. It's unpredictable.

## HOW VLT MACHINES WORK

VLTs are a form of electronic gaming machines. They are controlled by computer programs that randomly generate numbers every millisecond. These numbers determine whether you win or lose. This means that at any point – whether you've been playing for 5 seconds or 1 hour – the outcomes are unpredictable. Each spin is independent of each other.

## CHANCES OF WINNING

The payout percentage of video lottery games in Nova Scotia ranges from 93% to 95%, depending on the game. It does not reflect the amount a player could win or lose on an individual spin. Those outcomes are completely random and unpredictable. It is important to remember that over the long run, a player will likely lose more than they will win when playing VLTs.