

101 Ways to Play Wise™



Way #11 Understanding Slots.



Playing Games of Chance?

Slots are games of chance. And one thing all games of chance have in common is winning or losing is based on randomness. There's nothing you can do to influence the result of each play. While the dream of winning is exciting, it's important to know the outcome is out of your control.



Way #63

There's no such thing as a hot machine.

Understanding How Slot Machines Work

Red Shores offers a wide variety of slot machine products, including multi-line and multi-reel games. There are many differences among slot machines, including:

- game rules
- how the games are played
- the number and value of prizes
- how frequently prizes are awarded
- odds of winning particular prizes

A slot machine has three or more mechanical or digital reels that spin when a button is pressed, or a lever is pulled. Slot machines pay out based on the patterns of symbols when the reels stop. Each machine is programmed to pay out a pre-determined amount, which means it also retains a pre-determined amount. Game outcomes are determined randomly and differential, depending on the game.

No matter what machine you choose to play, you'll want to be familiar with how the game is played and your odds of winning. Stop by the PlayWise Information Centre for more information or speak with one of our Slot Attendants.

Common Slot Machine Myths

False: I can influence the outcome of a spin.

Fact: Each game's outcome is predetermined randomly by the machine as soon as you place your bet. Although it might take a few seconds to display the result, nothing you do, including hitting the stop button, will have any influence on the game.

False: The outcome of this play is related to the outcome of my previous plays.

Fact: No, the outcome of every spin is independent of the outcome of prior plays.



Way #15

Nothing you do will influence how well you do.

False: I've got a better chance on a machine that hasn't paid out in a while.

Fact: Slot machines don't get "hot" or "cold." Your chances of winning on a slot machine that hasn't paid out for a while are exactly the same as winning on a machine that just had a big win. No matter how many spins you make each spin has the same odds of winning.

False: Some machines are due to pay out.

Fact: The length of time since the last payout has no influence on when the next payout could happen. Slot machines are pre-programmed to pay out a certain percentage of the money they take in over time, which also means they are going to keep a percentage. If you re-invest all of your winnings, eventually the machine will keep it all.

How Prize Payouts Work

- Payout odds for slot machines vary based on what game you play. The odds of hitting the top prize vary greatly by machine. Your chances of winning a small prize are much better than winning a large prize.
- There are no playing methods or patterns that can have any effect on the outcome of any play, game, or payout.
- Prize payouts vary from game to game and play to play depending on the amount you wager on each play.
- Payout percentages vary by game. PEI gaming regulations require a theoretical payout of no less than 80%. The average payout percentage of slot machines at Red Shores is 92%. This does not mean that the slot will pay back 92 cents on average on every dollar wagered. Rather, over the long-term, the slot should pay back 92 cents on average of every dollar played through various prize amounts.

Way #46

Play for a good time, not a long time.

- Even though you may win on some plays, all players will, over time, lose an average of 8% of the amount wagered.
- Once a machine's payout rate is set, gaming employees cannot adjust a slot machine to alter the payout rate without following PEI gaming regulations.



None of These Things Will Improve or Influence Your Chances of Winning

- Playing a machine right after someone else had a big payout from it
- Playing a machine that hasn't had a big payout for a long time
- Playing at certain times of the day or night
- Playing on certain days of the week
- Pressing the stop button

Way #28

Know the facts from the false.



Tips For Healthy Play

- Treat gambling as entertainment, not a way to make money
- Set a money limit and stick to it
- Set a time limit and stick to it
- Accept losses as the cost of entertainment; don't chase them
- Use only money from your entertainment budget to play
- Balance gambling with other activities

For information on all of our games and odds visit the PlayWise section of our website at redshores.ca/playwise.

