

How the Games Work

Slot Machines

Engage your GameSense: Know how the games work before you play.

Slot machines operate randomly. This is due to a Random Number Generator (RNG) inside each machine, which cycles through millions of numbers continuously. The outcome of a spin is automatically determined by the RNG at the time you hit the spin button, making it impossible to predict whether you'll win or lose.

Some machines allow you to stop the spinning reels early. This has no impact on the outcome of the spin – there is nothing you can do to control where the reel stops.

Each slot machine has a unique set of symbols (like a bar, cherries, or the number “7”). Some symbols may show up only once on the “physical reel” (the reel visible to you), while other symbols may appear in the physical reel more than once.

But it is the “virtual reel” (spinning inside the machine) that determines whether you win or not. So, for example, even if you see the same number of cherries and bars while the physical reel is spinning, the virtual reel may actually contain twice as many cherries as bars.

For some slot machines, bonus games may be offered where players have a chance to influence the bonus prize amount by interacting with an arcade-style video game. While skill may play a factor in the outcome of the bonus prize, chance still plays a big part. No matter a player's skill level, the RNG inside each machine determines the overall payout, including whether a player wins the opportunity to play the bonus game, and the pre-determined maximum amount available to be won during the bonus game.

All B.C. Casinos and Community Gaming Centres offer coinless slot machines. Bill acceptors take \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, or \$100 bills in Canadian currency. To play the machines, insert the bill into the bill acceptor of a coinless slot machine.

You may select how many lines and how many credits per line you wish to bet. Some slot machines have one credit value, and others offer a selection of credit values. By pressing the *Bet One* button, you'll wager one credit. By pressing the *Max Bet*, you'll bet the maximum allowed on that machine for each game.

Pull down and release the arm on the side of the slot or press the *Spin* button. All slot machines display the number of credits won based upon the results of the reel spin.

When you're ready to cash out, press the *Cash Out* button and you'll receive a ticket that can be redeemed at the cashier, *Ticket Express* redemption machine, or can be inserted into another slot machine. Tickets are valid for 30 days at the Casino or Community Gaming Centre of issue.

Gambling with GameSense

There is no such thing as a “near miss” – either you have a winning spin or you do not. Your last spin has absolutely no impact on the result of your next spin. It can be helpful to remember that over time, you're likely to lose more than you win. Setting a budget or a time limit can help you gamble with GameSense.

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