



RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING COUNCIL

Fact Sheet

How Much Do You Know About Gambling?

1. **How much does the average Ontario household spend on gambling?**

- a) \$98
- b) \$250
- c) \$490

Answer: C. \$490. In Ontario, 71 per cent of households participated in at least one gambling activity, spending on average \$490. (*Statistics Canada, 2008*)

2. **You can increase your chances of winning at a slot machine by:**

- a) Putting more money in the machine at one time
- b) Pulling the handle instead of hitting the SPIN button
- d) Using a slot machine that hasn't paid out recently
- e) None of the above

Answer: D. There is no action a player can take to increase the chances of winning at a slot machine. All wins and losses are determined by a computer chip called a Random Number Generator.

3. **True or False? You're more likely to die from falling airplane parts than win Lotto 6/49.**

Answer: True. The odds of dying from falling airplane parts are 1 in 10 million. The odds of winning are 1 in 14 million.

4. **If you're losing while playing poker, you should:**

- a) Increase your bets, because you're due to win
- b) Borrow money to stay in the game, you're bound to get a better hand
- c) Neither of the above

Answer: C. There are more than 2.6 million possible poker hands in a 52-card deck. If you gamble, you should only use the money you have planned to spend.

5. **True or False? Bingo is a game of skill.**

Answer: False. Although skill plays a role in keeping track of many cards at the same time, winning cards are determined by a random selection of numbers.

For more money management strategies, safer gambling tips, tips on recognizing signs of potential problem gambling and the new, free Cost2Play Calculator, go to www.noregrets.ca.

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