

# GameSense Guide to Lottery Games



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## **It Makes GameSense**

The more you know, the better equipped you are to keep gambling safe and fun.

## When playing lottery games, engage your GameSense with these tips:

- Play for fun, not to make money.
- Learn how the games work.
- When playing games with frequent draws such as Keno, set a time limit for how long you'll play, before you start.
- Set a budget and stick to it.
- Accept losses as the cost of entertainment.
- Balance playing lottery games with other types of entertainment.

Playing lottery games can be fun as you may win once in a while. Over time though, lottery games will cost you money to play. Only a few people who win a major prize, actually come out ahead.

## **Lotto Max & Lotto 6/49**

Winning numbers for Lotto 6/49 and the main Lotto Max draw are selected at random using a ball-drop machine with numbered balls that are the exact same size and weight. This allows each ball an equal chance of being drawn. So while it may be fun to play your so-called “lucky” numbers, they don’t influence the outcome of the game.

## **Western 649, Extra, Pick 3 & Keno**

All winning numbers are chosen using a computer based Random Number Generator (RNG). The RNG continuously cycles through thousands of numbers each second. When the draw attendant requests a number from the computer, the number on the RNG at that exact moment is provided. Requesting a number a thousandth of a second earlier or later would result in a completely different number. Other games that use an RNG include casino slot machines and video lottery terminals. The results of ball-drop and RNG draws are equally secure and random.

## **Scratch 'N Win Tickets**

Winning tickets are distributed randomly throughout an entire production run, which may be millions of tickets. These tickets are then randomly distributed to all retail locations. Your odds of purchasing one of these winning tickets depends on what tickets for that game have already been sold at all locations. For example, some games have one grand prize winner. If that ticket has already been sold, your odds of purchasing it are zero.

## **Breakopen Tickets**

A set number of winning tickets are placed in each box of breakopen tickets. Your odds of purchasing one of these winning tickets depends on what tickets the location has already sold from that box. For example, some boxes contain one grand prize winner. If that ticket has already been sold from the box, your odds of purchasing it are zero.

## **Sport Select**

Knowledge about sports can help you predict a game's outcome, but the long-term odds are set to ensure the games make a profit for the lottery operator. For the vast majority of people, playing Sport Select will cost money over time.

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