ABOLCASA

The Casino Association of South Africa was founded in 2003 with the aim of creating a better understanding of casino entertainment by bringing the facts about the industry to the general public, the media, public representatives, regulators, and policy and other decision makers through education and advocacy.

CASA's members are employers, property owners and taxpayers and place the highest priority on the obligations of corporate citizenship and social responsibility.

ABOUS outh Africa's Casino industry

CASA represents the commercial casino segment of South Africa's gaming industry. In just eight years this new industry has been responsible for more than R12-billion in new investment in all nine provinces, adding more than R36-billion to GDP in terms of economic multipliers. The industry has created almost 100 000 direct and indirect jobs and in 2002/03 alone, accounted for nearly R1.3-billion in provincial gaming taxes and VAT which, together with company tax, contributed more than R1.7-billion to government revenue. In addition, the casino industry has substantially advanced transformation in the tourism and leisure sector.

CAS And Responsible GAMBLING

CASA works closely with the National Responsible Gambling Programme, an internationally acknowledged programme that is the only one in the world funded to this extent by the gaming industry. It is also the only programme internationally in which treatment, research and education are integrated in a single initiative. As a unique public-private sector partnership, the NRGP is accountable to stakeholders through the SA Responsible Gambling Trust involving government regulators and the industry.

For more information visit the NRGP website at: www.responsiblegambling.co.za



For further information on CASA, and its codes of conduct and responsible gambling measures, contact us at:

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IF YOU'UNDER 18

Gambling is harmless entertainmentenjoyedby millions of people in South Africa. But it's also an activity for adults only.

There are important reasons for that. Gambling requires an understanding of the probability of winning and losing that most young people don't have. Gambling also takes place in an environment where alcohol is served. And there is general concern that young people may be more likely than adults to develop gambling-related problems and engage in risky behaviour. For these reasons, participants are required by law to be at least 18 years of age.

This means that it is illegal for minors to play slot machines, table games or limited payout machines; place a bet or cash a ticket at a lottery outlet, horse race or casino; loiter in the vicinity of the casino floor (including infants and toddlers); sit in the lap of an adult player; buy or redeem change; or buy or redeem chips.

It's important that you are aware of the strict law regarding under-age gambling and the steps member companies of CASA will take to help ensure that minors do not gamble or loiter in any gambling area:



- It is an offence for a minor to -
 - enter the areas of a casino where gambling takes place
 - operate a gambling machine
 - conduct gambling activity
 - falsely claim to be 18 years of age or over, in order to gain access to a gambling area or a gambling machine.
- It is unlawful to advertise a gambling activity, other than an amusement game, in a manner intended to target or attract minors.
- A gambling debt incurred by a minor is not enforceable in law.
- A person must not knowingly pay any winnings from a gambling activity to a minor.
- Employees of CASA companies will ask for some form of identification from anyone who appears younger than 18. If the individual is below the legal gambling age, he or she will be asked to leave the casino. If the identification appears to be altered, the individual may be asked to leave the casino floor while the identification is verified.
- If a minor is found with an adult on the casino floor, the adult will be asked to take the minor to a non-gambling area, such as a restaurant, pool, arcade, theme park, activity centre or shopping area that may be located on the property. Action against the adult may follow.

A special note to parents and guardians: please remember that you are responsible for minors in your party. Help us do our jobs by remaining aware of their whereabouts at all times and keeping them involved in non-gambling activities.



Anyone can become a problem gambler, regardless of age, race, religion, education, economic status or moral character. If you think you may have a gambling problem, or know somebody who does, don't chance the odds. Discreet professional help is only a phone call away.

If you feel you may have a gambling problem, we encourage you to contact the National Responsible Gambling Programme helpline as soon as possible, before things get any worse.

Winners know when to stop

TOLLFREE HELPLINE 0800 006 008



e-mail: counsellor@responsiblegambling.co.za





