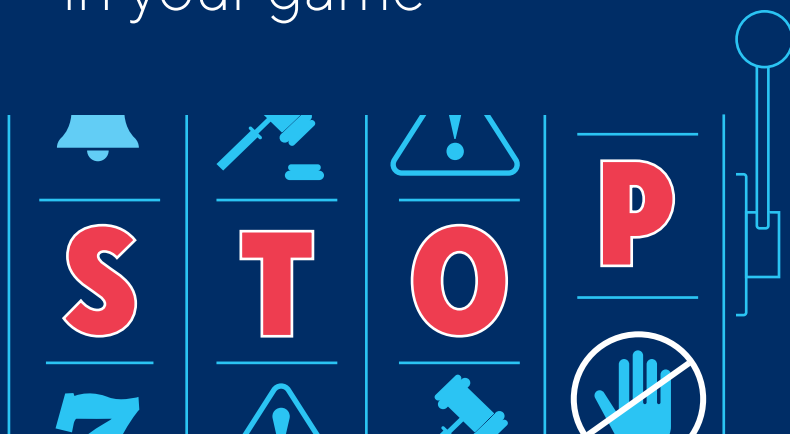




HELLENIC
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Say **NO**
to illegal gambling.
Choose **SAFETY**
and **LEGITIMACY**
in your game



Recognise the risks
Protect yourself

What is Illegal gambling

It is any game of chance or bet in which the provider is not legally licensed by the HGC. This includes illegal casinos, unlicensed betting websites or games that do not meet legal criteria.

Dangers of Illegal Gambling

- Increased risk of online fraud.
- Direct legal consequences (fines, prosecution or imprisonment).
- Theft of personal and financial data.
- Psychological and economic dependence on gambling.
- Inability to withdraw profits.
- Lack of support and protection of players.

Relationship between illegal gambling and addiction

- Illegal gambling reinforces impulses and lack of control, exacerbating addiction.
- It intensifies internal conflict, anxiety and depression, leading to feelings of guilt.
- Individuals may resort to illegal activities (e.g. risky borrowing) to meet their gambling needs.
- Involvement in illegal gambling often leads to social isolation and difficulty in seeking help, making people more vulnerable to further abuse.

How to recognise illegal gambling

- Nowhere does the platform mention any HGC authorisation.
- The platform does not provide information about providers or uses unknown or questionable software.
- The platform does not offer local payment methods for deposit and withdrawal.
- There are many complaints on local forums or websites about late payments or misleading offers.
- The platform has vague or complex terms.
- The platform allows illegal activities or promotes gambling to minors.

How to protect yourself from illegal gambling?

- 1 HGC authorisation:** The platform must be licensed by the HGC in Greece
- 2 Listing of authorisation on the website:** Check that the platform mentions the HGC authorisation on the home page.
- 3 Check the HGC website:** Visit the HGC website to confirm that the provider is licensed in Greece. See the posted Blacklist.

Submitting an illegal betting report

If you become aware of illegal gambling, you can report the activity:

- Report to the HGC at <https://whistlers.gamingcommission.gov.gr>
- Complaint to the Police





Avoid illegal gambling. Before you play, make sure that the operator is licensed and regulated by the relevant authorities. 👍



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