

# Protect Consumers and Communities: Stop Illegal Gambling



Illegal and unregulated gambling flouts regulations, offers zero consumer protections, and targets the most vulnerable. This stands in stark contrast to the rigorous regulatory compliance of legal gaming operators and manufacturers. Compare legal versus illegal gambling side-by-side.

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Operators and manufacturers undergo stringent licensing and background investigations of business entities, corporate officers, directors and key employees.

No licensing requirements.  
No background checks. Often headquartered in countries with lax or non-existent gaming regulation.

Law enforcement and gaming regulators interview executives and directors regarding personal and professional history – in some states, once per year. Anyone working on the manufacture or repair of a game is vetted and licensed.

No interviews. No vetting.  
Murky ownership.  
Manufacturer can be a mystery.

All games meet technical standards, pass independent testing, and are monitored for ongoing compliance.

No standards. No testing.  
No monitoring. No guarantee of fair play.

Frequent regulatory checks throughout shipping and installation ensures gaming machine integrity.

No checks. No oversight.  
Machines may be tampered with at multiple points in the procurement process.

Licensed gaming companies invest hundreds of millions of dollars annually in responsible gaming (RG) resources and research and employee training to prevent and address problem gambling.

No RG investments. No RG training.  
No access to RG resources.

Customers have options to self-limit and self-exclude.

No regard for self-exclusion lists.  
No self-limitation or budget-setting tools.

Consumer protection laws mean customers can appeal to state gaming regulators and law enforcement if needed.

No recourse for unfair conduct, play or lack of payouts.

Minors are excluded from physical properties. When online, robust identity- and age-verification ensures only adults play in legal jurisdictions.

No identity- or age-verification.  
No concern for underage gambling.

Operators must meet strict anti-money laundering (AML), customer verification and financial standards and reporting requirements from the U.S. Treasury Department and Department of Justice.

No reporting. No verification.  
An open door for criminals looking to launder money.

Marketing and advertising are overseen by regulators and comply with industry codes of conduct. Advertising only reaches intended audiences.

No controls in place. No protection against deceptive practices. Promotions reach the vulnerable.

Legal operators and manufacturers create good-paying jobs and generate billions in tax revenue each year to support vital public services.

No support for local jobs. No taxes paid. Communities robbed of critical funds.