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Grandparents' guide to video games with gambling-like content

Did you know children can be exposed to gambling-like content in video games which can lead to unhealthy habits?

Research shows links between gambling-like content in video games and gambling harm. It can have emotional and mental health impacts.

Learn what to look out for.



You can help protect your grandchildren and support safer and healthier gaming.

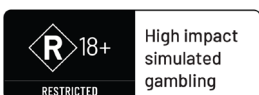
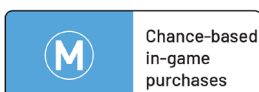


What's new

Gambling-like content in video games your grandchildren play can be hard to recognise. That's why new classifications are in place to help you identify video games with gambling like content.

We have changed the way we classify video games where:

- they have in-game purchases linked to an element of chance, like paid loot or mystery boxes. These are classified M and are not recommended for children under 15 years of age.
- there is simulated gambling, like casino- style games. These are legally restricted to adults. They are classified R18+.



These changes apply to video games on:

- computers
- gaming consoles (like Xbox, PlayStation and Nintendo)
- phones
- tablets (like iPads).



What you can do

Your support makes a difference.

You can play a part in keeping your grandchildren safe while playing video games.

- Check game classifications:** visit classification.gov.au/NewGameRatings. You can search any game's rating and classification advice. This will help you choose games that are right for your family.
- Talk to your grandchildren:** ask what games they play and if they involve money or prizes. Have a chat about the risks of gambling, if needed.
- Set up limits:** parental controls are settings on games or devices that can help you limit content your grandchildren have access to. This includes the money that can be spent or the time they can spend on a game. Check out our handy information sheet on [Parental controls](#) or visit eSafety.gov.au
- Learn and play your grandchildren's video games:** Learning about your grandchildren's favourite games can help you understand how they work and if they contain simulated gambling or gambling-like content.