

Law Enforcement Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Racing:

Q: There is a horse track on private land near me. I see them having horse races there. Isn't that illegal?

A: Not necessarily. It is only illegal to conduct a horse race without being licensed by the Commission if:

1. The public is charged admission; and/or
2. The public is charged a fee to park; and/or
3. A person is charged a fee to enter their horse into the race; and/or
4. Wagering of ANY KIND is conducted on the outcome of the races.

It is also a misdemeanor crime to conduct horse races on Sunday without a license.

Q: I know of a track that is conducting horse races illegally. Who can I contact?

A: If you have information on illegal tracks, please call the Commission at **405-943-6472, option # 7 (Law Enforcement)** and leave your name and return phone number. A Law Enforcement Agent will return your call as quickly as possible. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may provide the details of the track with the person on the telephone and they will forward the information to an Agent.

Q: I have a felony conviction. Can I get a Horse Racing Occupation License?

A: Generally, yes. Applications are evaluated on a case by case basis. However, there are exceptions. If you are currently serving a Suspended or Deferred sentence or currently on probation or parole, you cannot be licensed. The Board of Stewards at the track have the final say over licensing.

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Casino Gaming:

Q: I've heard that the Casinos can change the gaming machines payout percentage whenever they want. Is this true?

A: No. Each gaming machine is set up under the supervision of a Law Enforcement Agent specifically trained in casino gaming. No changes to the payout percentages or game play can be made without an Agent present. The payout percentages of all machines in Commission regulated Casinos are public record and may be obtained by filing an Open Records request with the Commission at its main office, 2800 N. Lincoln Blvd. Suite 220, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105. The Commission's main office is located inside the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture building.

Q: I think the gaming machine I was playing is not working right or didn't pay me the win it should have. Who do I report this to?

A: Contact a Casino Manager or Supervisor and report the problem. They will decide what to do. If, after the Casino employees make a decision, you are still of the belief the machine or payout was in error, ask them to get you the paperwork to file a "Patron Dispute" with the Commission. Once the paperwork is complete, it will be assigned to a Commission Law Enforcement Agent who is specifically trained in casino gaming. The Agent will make a comprehensive investigation to determine if the machine or payout was in error.

Q: I have a felony conviction on my record. Can I get a license to work in the casino?

A: No. Under current rules and regulations, a person with a felony conviction on their record may not be licensed to work in a Commission regulated casino. Deferred sentences are NOT considered convictions.