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# Money laundering through PUBS AND CLUBS with gaming machines

Understand the myths and facts relating to **money laundering** in your sector.

| MYTH | VS | FACT |
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| Pubs and clubs are **low risk** for money laundering. | | Criminals **use gaming machines** to **launder and spend** proceeds of crime. Electronic gaming machines are one of the higher-risk gambling services offered. |
| **Regular customers** are unlikely to be money launderers. | | **Criminals come in all forms** and exploit other patrons to launder money. Monitor for unusual transactions and customer behaviour that may be suspicious. |
| I will be **in trouble** if I report to AUSTRAC. | | Reports to AUSTRAC are **confidential** to keep you safe. |
| I'm not a manager or compliance officer, I don't need to look out for **suspicious behaviour**. | | **All gaming staff** must be aware of the risks and signs of financial crime. Your observations help build a clearer picture for AUSTRAC and law enforcement, to disrupt serious crime and protect your community. |
| It's **superstitious gambling**, not money laundering. | | Some superstitious gambling activities **can also be indicators** of money laundering. |

Criminals target pubs and clubs that don't safeguard against the misuse of gaming machines. Understanding these myths and facts can protect your business from criminal exploitation.

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