



# EFFORTS AGAINST ILLEGAL REMOTE GAMBLING

The Remote Gambling Act (RGA) regulates remote gambling activities and enables the Government to introduce a comprehensive set of blocking measures such as website blocking, payment blocking and advertising bans.

## How are websites and bank accounts identified for blocking?

MHA actively monitors remote gambling websites:



Information from industry players and public feedback.



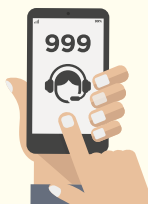
Consider various factors such as volume of Singapore-based traffic and bank accounts listed on unauthorised websites.

## Measures against gambling related mobile messages

- The RGA prohibits the promotion of gambling via remote platforms (e.g. SMSes and WhatsApp)
- **Tip:** When you receive messages from unauthorised gambling operators:



Do not reply;



Report to the Police;



Report as "Spam" & block the number

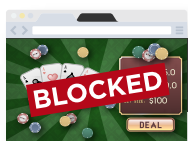
## Public education efforts



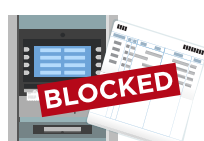
The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) and National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) have intensified their public education efforts in the lead-up to FIFA World Cup 2018

- NCPG and NCPC have launched a campaign against problem gambling and illegal betting respectively.
- Digital efforts to engage a wider segment of society will also be stepped up.

## Since RGA took effect...



> 800 websites blocked



> 200 bank accounts blocked



\$7 million worth of transactions blocked



> 300 people arrested