



# What Is Kalshi?

Like the New York Stock Exchange, Kalshi is a financial exchange for users 18 and older. It's U.S.-based and federally regulated. Users trade contracts on whether specific real-world events will happen.

## THE RULE

**Minors are prohibited from using Kalshi.**

## Keeping minors off the platform

### Layered age and identity checks

- Know Your Customer (KYC) verification
- Face recognition
- Two-step sign-in
- Additional identity and account checks

### Stopping use of a parent's account

Face ID, selfie requests for higher-risk users, and ID checks help prevent unauthorized access to an account holder's login.

**1,300**

minors stopped at sign-up in 30 days

**12,600**

minors stopped at sign-up this year

**940**

minors found after sign-up and removed

As reported by Kalshi, September 2026. See also Axios (May 2026), "Kalshi announces steps to keep kids off prediction market."

## Extra protections for users 18–21

For users who are legally adults but early in their financial lives.

### Deposit limits

Limits on how users 18–21 can fund their accounts.

### Risk education

After a first trade, users see tools for managing time and money.

### Extra monitoring

Added prompts and flags when losses pass certain amounts.

# Responsible trading tools

Tools for account holders to manage their own activity.

## Trading breaks

Pause trading temporarily.

## Self-exclusion

Block access for a set period.

## Session time limits

Cap how long you stay logged in.

## Personal funding caps

Limit how much you deposit.

## Mental health support

Confidential support through Kalshi's partnership with Birches Health.



**Important:** these tools are for users 18 and older.  
They don't make Kalshi appropriate for minors.

## Monitoring for risky behavior

Kalshi's surveillance team is trained to spot high-risk trading and signs of a mental-health crisis, and to respond. Losses or activity that trigger flags can lead to extra monitoring.

## Insider trading is prohibited

Ongoing trade surveillance flags irregular patterns. Suspicious accounts can be restricted and reported to the CFTC or Department of Justice. Kalshi reported opening 200 cases last year.

# Regulation

Kalshi has been regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) as a Designated Contract Market since 2020. That includes customer identification, trade surveillance, monitoring for prohibited activity, and reporting requirements. Kalshi has also publicly supported the bipartisan Prediction Markets Act of 2026, which would add consumer protections.

## NO MARKETS ON

War, violence, terrorism, assassination, or death.

Prediction-market data is also used by news outlets and researchers to track expectations about events.

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