# How To Start A Vending Machine Business: Everything You Need To Know 5 Easy Steps to Start a Vending Machine Business

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**Rockville, Maryland Apr 20, 2022 (Issuewire.com)** - Vending machines are not a new business idea. They have been around for decades and most people do not realize that getting into this line of business could actually be quite lucrative, especially if they play their cards right.

The US has millions of vending machines and this industry generates more than \$23 billion in revenue each year. Hence, if you want to get into the <u>vending machine business</u>, here is a guide created by CSS Vending, a leading rental of world-class vending machines.

Consider Your Options

You may think that **vending machines** are available just for snacks and sodas. However, there are more options than you can imagine. You can choose a type and then go with one or two machines, to begin with, depending on the market you want to focus on.

The <u>snack and drinks vending machines</u> are the most popular and offer the best returns. Machines that dispense candies, snacks, and sodas make up a majority of the vending machine market share in the US. So, you can choose whether to go in for drinks only, snacks only, or a combination of **snacks and drinks machines**. CSS Vending has all types of vending machines that ensure products do not get damaged and consumers can get access to them with relative ease.

It is prudent to remember that it is always a good idea, to begin with, a specialty until you learn more about this industry. Always do your research beforehand and cater to the location. For instance, if your vending machine is located in a gym, it is best to dispense granola bars, shakes, and protein bars rather than sodas and chips.

## Find the Right Location

You can have the most technologically advanced <u>vending machines</u> but if your location is chosen with care, it will be futile. For instance, if the machines are for high-end beverages and food, placing them in a strip mall will not get you the customers. However, the same machines will perform quite well if you place them in office parks.

Check out different locations. Think back about where you personally bought something from such a machine. Also, make a note of the locations where people are more likely to buy beverages and snacks. Some of the most popular locations to place vending machines include:

- Hospitals
- Schools
- Airports
- Grocery stores
- Shopping malls
- Manufacturing plants
- Apartment complexes
- Laundromats

Make sure you speak to the property owners and secure the location. You can cold call or get in touch with them in person. This strategy is perfect for smaller locations. You can also connect with the local Chamber of Commerce to find out about the major businesses in your geographical area. Using this information, you will be able to get an idea about good locations for your **vending machines**. Choose locations where companies have a minimum of 100 employees or see a lot of foot traffic.

### Find the Right Vending Machines

A **vending machine** business needs machines. You can run an online search to find rentals. It will also give you an idea about the different machines and prices. You can search for local and national rentals.

Alternatively, you can get in touch with CSS Vending, which is renowned for its stylish and eye-catching machines. These vending machines conform to ADA standards. The machines also come with an iVend guarantee that ensures snacks and beverages never get stuck or damaged. **CSS Vending** offers a wide range of machines to suit different budgets and requirements.

### · Get the Right Inventory

After selecting the vending machine, you need to make sure you stock it. Choose your products with care as the right ones will boost sales. Do not let beverage and food trends fool you into choosing products. Instead, look at what is popular in the location and choose site-specific products.

It is advisable that you do not over-stock inventory in the beginning. Keep a track of what is in demand and adjust the product offerings accordingly. You can combine beverages and food, though most of the sales will come from the drinks. Today, vending machines stock more than sodas. You can think of flavored water, coffee, and even coconut water. Just remember that the kind of drinks you choose will have an impact on the type of machine you choose.

### • Get Your Financing in Place

You will be happy to note that starting a vending machine business does not require a lot of capital to start. So, that makes it extremely attractive for entrepreneurs looking to start a small business but inexpensive business.

If you already have a good credit history, you can secure a short-term loan from your bank at attractive rates to finance your business. But do remember that short-term loans have a higher interest rate than long-term loans but with a good credit history, you will be provided with the most favorable rate.

You can also choose an equipment financing loan if you do not want to go in for a short-term loan. The loan terms will depend on the value of the **vending machines**, which function as collateral. Most of these machines can last for more than 10 years and that makes them attractive to potential lenders. Be sure to shop around to find the best terms and conditions before you finalize the equipment financing loan.

### The Bottom Line

In addition to the aforementioned steps, you should also invest in a **vending machine management system**, especially if you are starting this business with more than two machines. The system will help you track the inventory of each machine separately so that you do not have to invest time and effort in manual tracking.

Now you know how to start a **vending machine business**. Go ahead and take the plunge and you will not regret it. Get in touch with **CSS Vending** to meet your vending machine needs without worries.















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