

# The Top 12 Ways to Lose Money in the Stock Market

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1. Trading without a specific plan and strategy.
2. Trading a new strategy with real money without first practicing it.
3. Expecting too much too soon.
4. Trading your whole account without holding reserves.
5. Thinking you're smarter than the rest of the market.
6. Attempting to catch the absolute tops and bottoms of a stock price.
7. Buying and selling stocks without using stops and limits.
8. Letting winners turn into losers.
9. Holding an under-diversified portfolio overnight.
10. Letting small losses turn into big losses.
11. Letting losers languish.
12. Failing to review your trades so you can learn from your mistakes.

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