

INTERNET GAMBLING



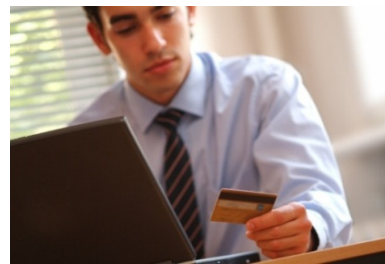
Dangers of Internet Gambling

Electronic gambling (online or in a casino) can be more addictive than other types of gambling due to the frequent opportunities to gamble, the rapid reinforcement, and the mesmerizing lights and sounds.

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Internet gambling is one of the fastest growing industries in the country with thousands of people logging on to the Internet each day in hopes of winning money and having fun.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **Online gambling may be addictive.** It is easily available in the places people spend most of their time: at home and work/school. It is there at the click of a mouse anytime the person has an impulse/urge to gamble.
- **Free games.** People who visit these sites out of curiosity are often enticed to gamble by free practice games, leading some into the virtual world of cyber gambling and possibly problem gambling.
- **Ease of youth gambling.** Since age screening is minimal or ineffective, underage youth find that gambling online is easier than at a real venue.
- **Unregulated.** Although Congress in 2006 passed legislation to prevent banks from allowing the use of credit cards for gambling online, the gambling sites use other ways to conveniently transfer money. Depletion of funds and high debt can easily accumulate over a relatively short period of time.
- **Games may not be fair and there is no recourse.** Except for first hand or media verified outcomes of sporting events, there is no certainty that the outcome of casino games are not manipulated. Also, there is no recourse if there is a dispute or if wagers are not paid, as the websites are in foreign countries.

If you or someone you care about has problems resulting from online gambling, please call the

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