

Problem Gambling News and Events

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Gambling Addiction and Crime

Warning Signs of Problem Gambling

- *Preoccupation with Gambling*
- *Risking Relationships*
- *Gambling to Escape*
- *Relying on Bailouts*
- *Increasing Bets to Sustain Thrill*
- *Concealing Activity*
- *Loss of Control*
- *Chasing Losses*
- *Agitated When Trying to Stop*

Check these out!!!!

www.gamblinghelp.org

<http://gamblinghelp.org/forums/>

Live Chat and Text available:
Mon-Fri 8am-5pm at
www.gamblinghelp.org

Text- 321-978-0555

Please gamble responsibly

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call 1-888-ADMIT-IT (1-888-236-4848) for information and resources.

The FCCG strives to educate the public on gambling addiction and the negative consequences that come along with it. One of these ills is illegal activity. Sometimes compulsive gamblers will do things that are atypical of their normal behavior to finance their addiction. It may start out by writing bad checks to local stores or pawning items in order to obtain money, but as the addiction progresses, it can quickly turn into stealing from friends and family as well as committing fraud and embezzling from the workplace.

Gambling addicts will actually try to rationalize their actions by saying “I am just borrowing this money and will put it back once I win big”. This is a common “justification” that the gambler makes. More times than not, the gambler will be caught engaging

in illegal activity and often times this leads to arrests, time in jail and long stretches of probation.

Approximately one third of callers to the FCCG HelpLine state that the gambler has committed crimes to finance their addiction.

Don’t wait to reach out. Specialists are standing by right now to provide resources and assistance that can help!

The FCCG is here to help! If you or someone you know has a problem, call the 24-hour, bilingual, confidential 1-888-ADMIT-IT HelpLine for resources and referrals.



Common Illegal Activities

- Passing bad checks
- Embezzlement
- Engaging in prostitution
- Fraudulent acts and schemes
- Dealing in stolen property
- Booking
- Larceny/Theft
- Selling drugs
- Illegal gambling

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