

What We Do

The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to increasing prevention, education and awareness of compulsive gambling. The Council created and maintains the 1-800-GAMBLER® Helpline, which receives over 20,000 calls a year. The Council's website, www.800gambler.org, receives over 400,000 hits annually.

The Council's primary outreach programs, the Adolescent Outreach Program and the Senior Outreach Program, offer presentations and speakers. Trainings are also available for professionals, treatment facilities and the gambling industry. If you are interested in learning more about what the Council does, resources for help, or additional information regarding speaking engagements, please call the Council at (609)588-5515.

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1-800-GAMBLER®

gambling problem, call

If you or someone you know has a

Internet Gambling: Not A Safe Bet



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It's Harmless...

Internet gambling is very enticing. You can sit comfortably at home, work or school and entertain yourself the same way you would by driving to Atlantic City-without the drive!

However, because Internet gambling is so easily accessible, it makes it that much more dangerous for someone to develop a gambling problem.

It is estimated that over 100 million people are currently on-line. Sitting on the computer and placing a bet has become more convenient than running to the local lottery ticket agency, or driving to the racetrack. There are more than 2,200 on-line gambling sites (casino, lottery, sports betting and poker) where you can place bets. This figure is growing rapidly by the day.

Unfortunately, the awareness of the dangers of Internet gambling is not growing as quickly as the activity itself. Here you will find some vital information about how to determine a gambling problem, as well as the potential dangers of Internet gambling.

What's The Big Deal?

Think about it...

**Internet gambling
is illegal in the
United States!**

**When you place a bet
on a website, who is
monitoring that game?**

**Are you betting more
than you can afford?**

**Are you borrowing
to finance your
gambling?**

**Do you lose time
from work or school
because of gambling?**

Warning Signs.....

- ◆ Preoccupation with gambling
- ◆ Denial
- ◆ Shame & Guilt
- ◆ Chasing Losses
- ◆ Illegal Activities
- ◆ Manipulative Behavior & Lying
- ◆ Severe Mood Swings
- ◆ Financial Trouble
- ◆ Suicidal Thoughts

Some Facts....

- ◆ An estimated \$12 billion will be spent in Internet gambling by 2006
(Christiansen Capital Advisers, LLC, 2000)
- ◆ An estimated 100 million people were online in the United States and Canada in 2001