# WARNING SIGNS

- Spending more time or money than intended.
- Arguing with family and friends after gambling.
- Losing and having an urge to return as soon as possible to win back losses.
- Feeling guilty or remorseful about gambling.
- Borrowing money or selling assets to gamble.
- Considering obtaining money illegally to gamble.
- Missing work to gamble.
- Hiding the extent of the gambling.

### **RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING TIPS**

- Don't let the game play you.
- Think of gambling as entertainment, not a way to make money.
- Don't gamble to escape stress or boredom.
- Set yourself a limit and don't exceed it.
- Don't chase your losses. Walk away.
- Gamble only what you can afford to lose.
- Never borrow money to gamble.
- Stay in control and think of the people who need you.

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# When gambling took over...?







#### **GIVE YOUR GAMBLING A HEALTH CHECK**

Think you might have a problem with gambling? Answer these questions:

Sometimes I've felt depressed or anxious after a session of gambling.

YES

Sometimes I've felt guilty about the way I gamble. NO

NO

YES

When I think about it, gambling has sometimes caused me problems.

NO

YES

Sometimes I've found it better not to tell others. especially my family, about the amount of time or money I spend gambling.

NO



I often find that when I stop gambling, I've run out of money.



Often I get the urge to return to gambling to win back losses from a past session.

NO



NO

I have received criticism about my gambling in the past.

YES



NO

I have tried to win money to pay debts.

YES

If you answered 'Yes' to four or more questions, gambling may be causing you problems.

Adapted from the 'Eight' Gambling Screen-Early Intervention Gambling Health Test, developed by Sean Sullivan, Goodfellow Unit, Auckland Medical School

# HFIP IS AVAILABLE

Gambling Help services provide free counselling, support and information to gamblers and their partners, family and friends.

#### COUNSELLING SERVICES

Telephone and online support is available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Face-to-face counselling is offered via Gambling Help services during business hours.

#### CONSIDER BANNING YOURSELF FROM GAMBLING

If you feel you're getting in over your head, you can speak to a customer liaison officer at a venue where you gamble about banning (excluding) yourself. Gambling Help services can also help you exclude from gambling venues.

For information about excluding yourself from sports betting providers, please contact the providers directly.

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# **GAMBLING HELP OUEENSLAND WEBSITE**

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing problems with gambling, visit gamblinghelpqld.org.au for useful information and tips.



#### **REAL LIFE STORIES**

Listen to real people talk about how they overcame problem gambling.



#### FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Advice on starting a conversation with someone who may have a problem with gambling. There are also frequently asked questions from family and friends.



#### UNDERSTANDING GAMBLING

Information on where problem gambling starts and understanding the urges to gamble.



For access to an interpreter in vour own language call 131 450 and ask to be connected to the **Gambling Helpline**