

# Signs you may have a Gambling Problem

I gamble to escape from my problems

Everyday I think about gambling

I hide my gambling losses from my friends and family

I sometimes borrow money for my gambling

My gambling affects my work

I often spend more than I can afford

My family suffers as a result of my gambling

Is your gambling becoming a problem?

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*"Changing lives"*

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## DO YOU HAVE A GAMBLING PROBLEM?



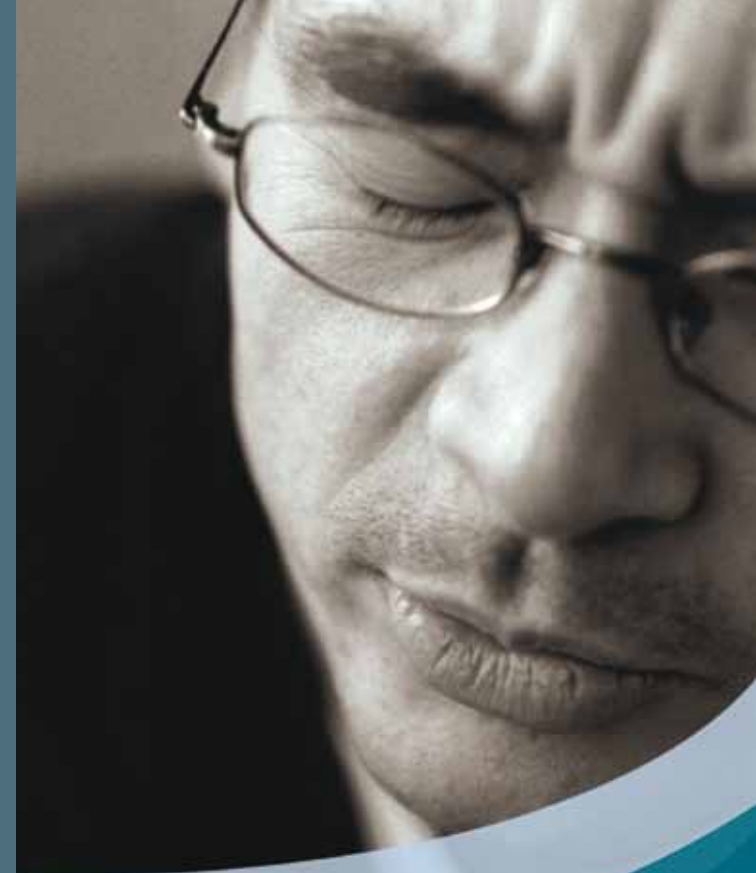
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# Some gambling Myths & Truths

Myth: "Is my poker machine more likely to payout at different times of the day?"

Truth: No. Payouts on the poker machine are randomly generated and it makes no difference what time of the day you play.

Myth: "If I change my playing patterns can I trick or confuse my poker machine?"

Truth: No. Changing the way you play does not determine your result. Each game is random with an independent result.

Myth: "Can I affect the outcome of a game by touching the poker machine, using lucky charms or pushing the buttons in a different way?"

Truth: No. The machines' computer cannot be altered in any way. It only responds to you pushing the button.

Myth: "Can I affect the result of a game by using positive thoughts or concentrating?"

Truth: No. You are unable to change the machine in any way. All results are generated randomly.

Myth: "If I keep playing longer will I make up my lost funds?"

Truth: No. Each individual game is random with an independent result. The longer you play makes no difference to your chances of winning.

Myth: "If I play a machine after a payout, is the machine more likely to continue paying?"

Truth: No. Previous results have no bearing on your next game. Each individual game is random with an independent result.

Myth: "If I play a machine that hasn't paid out for a while, is it due to payout?"

Truth: No. The chances of winning a prize on a gaming machine at any one time will always be the same. Previous results have no bearing on your next game. Each individual game is random with an independent result.

