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Gambling Screen Tool

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#### 1. When you gamble, how often do you go back another day to win back money you lost.
- never
- less than ½ the time I lost
- most of the time I lost
- every time I lost

#### 2. Have you ever claimed to be winning money gambling but weren’t really?
- no
- yes, in the past, but not now
- yes

#### 3. Do you feel you have ever had a problem with betting money or gambling?
- no
- yes, in the past, but not now
- yes

#### 4. Did you ever gamble more than you intend to?
- no
- yes

#### 5. Have people criticised your gambling?
- no
- yes

#### 6. Have you ever felt guilty about the way you gamble or what happens when you gamble?
- no
- yes

#### 7. Have you ever hidden any gambling activities from your spouse/partner, children or other important people in your life?
- no
- yes

#### 8. Have you ever argued with people you live with over how you handle money?
- no
- yes

#### 9. (If you answer "yes" to the above): Have money arguments ever centred on your gambling?
- no
- yes

#### 10. Have you ever borrowed from someone and not paid them back as a result of your gambling?
- no
- yes

#### 11. Have you ever lost time from work (or school) due to money or gambling?
- no
- yes

#### 12. If you borrowed money to gamble or to pay gambling debts, who or where did you borrow from.
- no
- yes

(a) From household money
(b) From your spouse or partner
(c) From other relatives or in-laws
(d) From banks, loan companies, or credit unions
(e) From credit cards
(f) From loan sharks
(g) Shares
(h) You sold personal or family property
(i) You have withdrawn money from your account and did not have the sufficient amount in the account?
(j) You have (had) a credit line with TAB (e.g. horse racing)
(k) You have (had) a credit line with a casino

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**Add up the number of answers that show ‘at risk’ response.**

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<th>Question</th>
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<td>Q1.</td>
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<td>Q2.</td>
<td>Yes, most of the time</td>
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<td>Q3-Q12.</td>
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**Score:**

- 10 or more: Respondent almost certain to have a severe gambling problem
- 7 to 9: 50% of respondents ‘at risk’ of severe gambling
- 5 to 6: 20% of respondents ‘at risk’ of severe gambling

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