



Problem Gambling Prevention

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Have you ever felt the need to bet more and more and more money?

Have you ever had to lie to people about how much you gamble?

An answer "yes" to either or both of these questions may indicate a problem with gambling.

Lottery Holiday Campaign



The Lottery Holiday Campaign encourages parents and loved ones not to give lottery products as holiday gifts to minors. Research shows that the majority of adolescents gamble at least occasionally, and that lottery products may be a gateway to problem gambling. Youth gambling has been shown to be linked to other risk-taking and addictive behaviors such as smoking, drinking and drug use.

Every year, NCPG and McGill University partner with lotteries in the United States, Canada and around the world to send this important message. We welcome lottery organizations who wish to partner with us in this educational campaign, or who would wish to access our resources (including press release samples) to launch their own independent campaigns on this important topic.

Here are some examples from lotteries around the country. The Hoosier lottery participates in this important campaign as well.

[Connecticut Lottery](#)

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Cash Drops and Keystrokes: The Dark Reality of Sports Betting and Daily Fantasy Games

Walt Bogdanich, James Glanz and Agustin Armendariz

Thursday, 15 Oct 2015 | 4:37 PM ETThe New York Times

Exert from this article, to read the article in its entirety go to: <http://www.cnbc.com/2015/10/15/cash-drops-and-keystrokes-the-dark-reality-of-sports-betting-and-daily-fantasy-games.html>

The 2006 law also failed to foresee how the developing Internet and a mania for ever-finer permutations of sports statistics would fuel a gold rush in fantasy sports.

At the time, fantasy sports was a low-key competition in which bettors assembled their own teams, then watched how their players performed over an entire season. The legal exemption for fantasy sports was

Lie Bet Screen by Johnson, E.E., et al. (1988).

FOR A CONFIDENTIAL REFERRAL CALL

1-800-994-8448

For additional resources, visit the Indiana Council on
Problem Gambling at
<http://www.indianaproblemgambling.org>

Or

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www.ipgap.indiana.edu

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based on its definition not as gambling but as a game of skill. Today, fantasy sites offer daily contests, million-dollar prizes and bets on individual sports such as golf, mixed martial arts and Nascar races, magnifying the element of chance and making the exemption tougher to defend.

In recognition of the riches to be mined, the fantasy sports company DraftKings became television's No. 1 advertiser when it showed a commercial every minute and a half in the week leading up to the National Football League season, according to iSpot.tv, which tracks national television advertising.

"Why wait until the end of the season to see who was going to win? Let's do it every day," said Jeffrey Derevensky, a psychiatry professor at McGill University who runs an international center that treats problem gamblers. "To bet on something with the potential to win more money or lose money is gambling."

The businesses of fantasy sports and online gambling are increasingly intertwined. Operators of online gambling sites have begun investing in fantasy sports, and some of DraftKings' senior managers came from online gambling companies or were professional poker players. Some of fantasy sports' most successful players are former poker players, too.

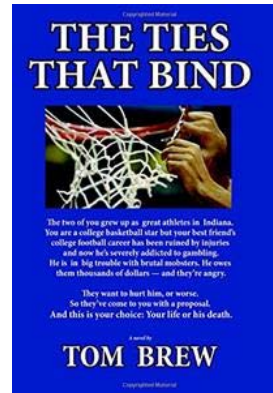
In May, Bryce Mauro, a junior at DePauw University in Indiana, sat in a house he shared with fraternity brothers and bet \$12,000 — before lunch — on fantasy baseball games, with a plan to bet twice that amount later in the day. "I play probably between 450 and 500 different games a day," said Mr. Mauro, who had finished classes for the year. Over the past two years, he said, he won several hundred thousand dollars.

Keith Whyte, executive director of the National Council on Problem Gambling, said, "There are people that are absolutely, 100 percent, uncontestably using daily fantasy sports to gamble."

Dr. Derevensky said young people are adept at figuring out ways to gamble online. "What came as a surprise to us initially was that young people were really getting into serious gambling problems."

The Tie That Binds – A Novel by Tom Brew

If you are interesting in learning more about problem gambling and reading a novel about sports and Indiana, contact us for a FREE copy of Tom Brew's book The Tie That Binds.



Tom Brew has been an award-winning reporter and editor for more than three decades at some of America's finest newspapers in Florida and Indiana. He's able to take you deep into the throes of a gambling addiction in this novel because he's been there before himself, and he has helped hundreds of other compulsive gamblers going forward in the past 20 years. Born and raised in Indiana, he is a graduate of Indiana University and currently lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.