

WHAT DOES TEEN GAMBLING LOOK LIKE?



When you hear “gambling,” what comes to mind? A gas station lotto ticket? A casino? Someone betting on horses? How old are the people in those scenarios? Do you hear “gambling” and think of a 14 year old placing bets on their favorite esports team? What about a 10 year old opening loot crates in a video game? The point is, you may be gambling even if you don’t think of it that way. And where there’s gambling, there’s risk. And what’s the greatest risk? Developing a gambling problem, especially young, is a set-up for a lifetime of struggles. If you think you or someone you know might have a gambling problem, call 1-800-GAMBLER anytime. It’s fast, free, and confidential.



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ONLINE GAMBLING



It’s easy to get sucked into spending too much time online, sometimes at the expense of your school work or social life. When gambling is involved, it’s even trickier. Online casinos and games, whether you’re using real or fake money, can lure you into thinking you’re just a click away from a big jackpot.



ESPORTS

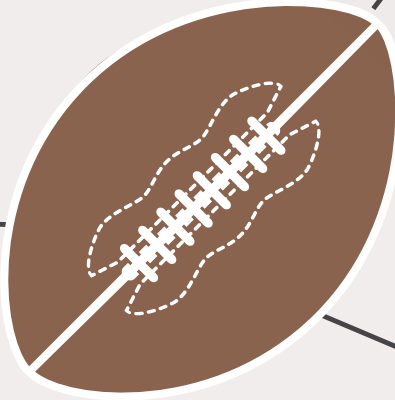
Watching players battle against each other to win your favorite video game can be fun, but if you find yourself using real (or fake) money to bet on the outcome, it won’t be fun explaining to your parents where all your money went.

LOOT BOXES



Loot Crates, Treasure Chests, Prize Boxes, – they have tons of names but what they share is complete randomness. Instead of just paying for the gear or upgrade that you really want, you “roll the dice” until you get the prize you’re looking for. A slot machine uses a very similar method. Players complain about these features, but you can guess why developers keep using them.

SPORTS BETTING



Many people think that because they are good with sports, or with numbers, they can easily make a lot of money betting on sports. The truth is, even if you have occasional wins, odds are you’ll eventually lose more than you ever won.

FANTASY LEAGUES

Your dream team can quickly turn into a nightmare for your wallet if you think this is a good way to make a buck. The big companies that run these sites count on players to overestimate their luck and skill so they can cash in on your hopes.

2-4X MORE RISK



Kids who gamble are at 2 to 4 times more risk of developing a gambling problem than adults. That means instead of saving for a house or a car, all your money ends up in someone else’s pocket-and you have nothing to show for it.



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