

GAMBLING AWARENESS



Online gambling is very seductive and very illusory. It can seem like a really good idea. It can seem like what people told you to work hard and get ahead, but when someone shows you something and it's too good to be true, it probably is.

— Ben Affleck —

AZ QUOTES

SPORTS BETTING AND ONLINE GAMBLING

WIN IN CONNECTICUT

BUT WHO LOSES??????????

On May 25, 2021, the Senate passed a bill that legalized sports betting and online casino games and lottery sales in Connecticut. This bill puts Connecticut among a half-dozen states with online casino gambling, effectively giving any adult physically in the state the means to gamble 24/7 on a smartphone, tablet or computer.

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Twenty-something years ago, the gambling industry crossed paths with the Internet, and the result was today's much-adored online gambling business. What makes the business so well-liked is the numerous advantages it offers to players. It is not all roses, though - online gambling actually has an array of disadvantages, too.

In the lines below, we will delve into the dark side of the online gambling industry, discussing some of its worst disadvantages.

1. It has become way too convenient

True, it is convenience which has made the online gaming industry as lucrative as it is. But convenience and comfort have a downside as well. Simply said, internet has made it way too easy for people to gamble.

Of course, this is not an issue to the majority of gamblers, as most players are completely aware of their gambling habits and are capable of controlling their impulses. On the other hand, there are some players who simply get carried away.

Online gaming has made it difficult for some gamblers to control their gaming behavior. And not surprisingly so - having a 24 hour access to casino games undoubtedly increases the likelihood of problem gambling habits.

2. There Is Always A Risk Of Getting Scammed

Most online casinos are safe and honest, but not all. As with any other business, there are dishonest people in online gambling, too. Luckily, scamming online casinos tend to get discovered quickly; and yet, it is impossible to protect oneself from them.

As you probably know, it is almost impossible to get scammed in a land-based casino, as there are cameras and security guards practically everywhere. But getting scammed at an online casino can be as easy as a child's game if players do not know what to look for.

To avoid getting scammed at an online casino, make sure to read the site's terms and conditions thoroughly, and do not forget to check for licenses and certificates. Those show the site's legitimacy and fairness - if you can not find any indication of a license at a casino, avoid it at all costs.

3. Too Long Cashout Times

Another issue in the online gaming business has to do with the prolonged cashout times. At land-based casinos, players always receive their winnings before leaving, but whenever they gamble online, they have to wait (sometimes days on end) before being able to cash out. Experts explain that cashout times are determined by what method the player has chosen, as well as by their location.

Also the online gambling site will allow you to use the money that you decided to "cashout" to continue gambling in the hopes that you will lose that money before the "cashout" is completed.

4. Lack of Interaction

One of the best things about the online gambling industry is that it offers privacy, but on the downside, it makes gambling way too private. After all, gambling is about having fun and interacting with people.

Whereas instant messaging technology is introduced in most reputable online casinos, players can not interact with one another at all times. Instead, they can only connect with one another while playing specific casino games.

5. **Legal Issues**

Last, but not least, online gambling is notorious for its lack of regulation and legislation in some parts of the world. Laws and regulations tend to be incredibly complex in some regions, and this makes it very difficult to understand exactly what is permitted and what is considered illegal. This can be unsettling for players, and not without a reason.

Also, you may say to yourself “well the state is legalizing it so it is ok” remember that your personal information as well as how much and how often you gamble will be available to the state for whatever reasons. Now that is something to really think about.

When the money is not spent on cars and refrigerators and is instead dropped into a slot machine, it leaves the economy

— John Warren Kindt —

AZ QUOTES

KEEP GAMBLING SAFE & AFFORDABLE



Set a limit on how much time & money & stick to it.

View gambling as entertainment, not as a way to make money.

Balance gambling with other leisure activities.

If you gamble and spend more time & money than planned, take a break.

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KEEP THE PROBLEM OUT OF GAMBLING

● **Gamble with limits on time, frequency, & duration.**

● **Gamble in a social setting with others, not alone, & with money you can afford to lose.**



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www.ct.gov/dmhas/pgs

Low Risk Gambling is

**A form of recreation, not to make money nor to make up for previous losses.
Setting limits on time, frequency, and duration.
In a social setting with others, not alone.
With money you can afford to lose.**



High Risk Gambling is when

**Coping with grief, loneliness, anger or depression.
Under financial pressure and stress.**

**Recovering from mental health or substance use disorders.
Using alcohol or other drugs, or is under legal age to gamble.**

Problem Gambling Services, CT State Dept. of Mental Health & Addiction Services
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