

# ONLINE GAMBLING

As technology advances, the internet acts as an ever growing hub of information and activities, offering fast and easy access. Among these activities is online gambling - something that thousands participate in every day. While many are able to keep things from getting out of control, there is a percentage of the population who are unable to do so.

Legalized online gambling is now available in Pennsylvania. Unlike casino gambling, which requires visiting a licensed facility, online gambling can now be accessed from anywhere within Pennsylvania, at any time. For some, this increased access, combined with the fast rate of continuous play, may be a pathway for potential problems.



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## **Problems with Online Gambling**

Unlike other forms of gambling, the access and rate at which one can now participate is unprecedented. For someone who has a gambling problem, or is at risk of developing one, online gambling is another way they can get in over their head. While it can often be challenging to identify or recognize problems, there are a number of signs that may indicate things are beginning to get out of control.

### **Some signs of a problem may include:**

- Preoccupation with gambling/devices
- Trouble paying bills/debts
- Borrowing/stealing to place bets
- Placing bets to cover losses
- Lying about activities/losses
- Problems at home, work or school

### **What Help Is Available?**

There are others who have this problem and there are people to talk to who can help.

If you think you, or someone you know, may have an issue related to gambling, please call the 24/7 toll-free Pennsylvania Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER® today.

**Help is just a phone call away.  
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Recognizing early signs of a gambling problem can make a significant difference in an individual's life. For more information about warning signs and additional resources for help, please visit [www.pacouncil.com](http://www.pacouncil.com)

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