

What is Gambling Disorder?

Gambling disorder can be a progressive disorder causing a psychologically uncontrollable preoccupation and urge to gamble. Individuals can eventually lose the ability to control the impulse to gamble.

This results in excessive gambling, which can compromise, disrupt, or damage personal, family, or employment pursuits.

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WCPG Mission Statement

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. provides resources, public awareness, and education on gambling disorders while maintaining strict neutrality on the issue of legalized gambling.

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Description

Gambling is a part of worldwide culture and has been a part of our history as well as future in society. The definition of gambling itself identifies “risking something of value,” which can create some harm for individuals. With gambling being a part of culture and possessing some risk, how do we learn about what is seen as traditional/social gambling and what is considered problem/gambling use disorder? Learn about what we know regarding experimenting, social gambling, problems with gambling, and the diagnosis of gambling use disorder along with some of the types of gambling we commonly see.

Despite gambling having its potential risks and effects, the awareness of problem and gambling use disorder often go under the radar among other various topics in the helping profession. Do we ask about gambling on intakes? Do we explore further and ask people to elaborate when they mention engaging in gambling? These are just a few of the questions to assess how much we talk about gambling. There are several reasons why gambling is often ignored, and it’s vital to address them to identify individuals who might be at risk or experiencing problems with gambling.

Although problem gambling or gambling use disorder affects a small population of people in general, there are higher risks for specific individuals. Among these are substance use and mental health, and it’s important for those working with these populations to know about gambling. What impact does gambling have on mental health or substance use? How likely is it that someone who works with substance use and mental health works with those who gamble? Helping professions who may not be aware or educated about gambling need to know about it as it continues to expand.

Goals

- ◆ Provide an overview of what gambling is, how it is a part of culture, and identify the differences between those who can gamble socially and those who experience problems.
- ◆ Explore reasons why problem gambling continues to remain under the radar among helping professionals and challenges we face in addressing it among other issues.
- ◆ Identify the connections problem gambling has to substance use, mental health, and other issues while seeing how problem gambling has relationships with various issues helping professionals deal with.

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