MARCH IS NATIONAL PROBLEM GAMBLING MONTH. THE SIGNS?

What is problem gambling? Problem gam bling-or gambling addiction-includes all gambling behavior patterns that compromise, disrupt or damage personal, family, or vocational pursuits.



- Someone who expresses frustration, desperation, or anger about lottery play.
- Someone who plays too often or too long, not just for entertainment.
- Someone who plays until their last dollar is gone, chasing gambling losses.

Tips to help you talk to a player who you suspect has a gambling problem:

- Tell them you care and have noticed (or they told you) they are having problems.
- Tell them you have information that many find helpful.
- Ask if they would like a Responsible Gambling leaflet or remind them the Problem Gambling Helpline number is available on lottery tickets and in-store materials.
- Offer the information just like you would any other product.
- Don't try to convince someone they have a gambling problem.
- Don't confront or engage with a customer if you feel threatened or feel a situation will escalate.

Spread the word that support is available around the clock to those who need it. The National Problem Gambling Helpline offers free, confidential help 24/7 from people who understand - call or text 1-800-522-4700. Individuals can also chat online with a helpline specialist at ncpgambling.org/ chat. Responsible gambling tips can be found on our website at MyArkansasLottery.com/PlayersHub.