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## Gambling Alert - December 15, 2022



**The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) launched a campaign to build awareness of problem gambling and to promote helplines for people experiencing gambling problems.**

According to research by Health Resources in Action (HRiA), four percent, or nearly **400,000**, of Illinois residents have a gambling disorder, and another seven percent, or **700,000**, are at risk of developing a gambling disorder.

“It is so important that we continue to let Illinois residents know about the signs of problem gambling,” said IDHS Secretary Grace B. Hou. “I hope this campaign will continue to raise awareness of the effective treatment and recovery options available to people experiencing problem gambling disorder.”

A press release says the confidential helpline is available 24/7 and can be reached by dialing 1-800-GAMBLER. Help is also available through **this website** and by texting GAMB to 833234. [Read](#)

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