

Current Provincial Responsible Gambling Initiatives

- Saskatchewan dedicates \$4 million for problem gambling initiatives, among the highest per capita spent by Canadian jurisdictions.
- Funding helps support:
 - Problem gambling public education and awareness campaigns;
 - Operation of the toll-free Problem Gambling help line;
 - Training for problem gambling help line counsellors;
 - Problem gambling treatment programs provided through regional health authorities and the First Nation Addiction Rehabilitation Foundation.
 - Community education and awareness initiatives through Canadian Mental Health Association;
 - The Saskatchewan Responsible Gaming Association's programs and initiatives related to responsible gaming;
 - Problem gambling and responsible gaming research.
- The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation (SGC) has on-site responsible gaming information centres at Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw and SIGA is considering developing similar facilities.
- SGC and SIGA provide ongoing problem gambling awareness training for their staff and offer self-exclusion programs for patrons.
- The problem gambling help line number is displayed on all EGMs in the province.
- SGC developed the iCare program to help identify patrons who may be experiencing a gambling problem.
- Responsible gaming initiatives specifically related to VLTs:
 - VLT access is restricted to those 19 years of age and older;
 - In establishments with VLTs, ATMs must be a specified distance away from VLTs; in casinos, ATMs cannot be located on the gaming floor;
 - VLTs are equipped with responsible gaming software including:
 - The amount wagered is shown in dollars, rather than credits, to make players aware of winnings or losses in actual dollars.
 - A clock shows the time of day to enhance player awareness and offset the 'loss of time' phenomenon noted by problem gamblers.
 - A pop up reminder interrupts the player every 30 minutes.
 - An enhanced banner display that allows a variety of responsible gaming messages to raise player awareness.
 - Site contractors are subject to restrictions regarding VLT advertising.
 - VLT sites have pamphlets for patrons outlining signs of problem gambling as well as information on how and where to get help.