

**Do you or someone you know have a problem with gambling?**

1. During the past 12 months, have you become restless, irritable or anxious when trying to stop/cut down on gambling?
2. During the past 12 months, have you tried to keep your family or friends from knowing how much you gambled?
3. During the past 12 months, did you have such financial trouble as a result of your gambling that you had to get help with living expenses from family, friends or welfare?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then getting help is your best bet.

**For more information and resources:**

**Dial: 2-1-1**

**Visit: [www.211maine.org](http://www.211maine.org)**

**Text: your zip code to 898211**

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**You can self exclude at any of the following locations:**

**Maine Gambling Control Unit**

45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME 04333  
(207) 626-3900

**Hollywood Casino**

500 Main Street  
Bangor, Maine 04401  
1(877) 779-7771

**Oxford Casino**

777 Casino Way  
Oxford, Maine 04270  
(207) 539-6700

**For other self-exclusion locations across the State of Maine contact:**

**AdCare Educational Institute**

Ballard Center  
6 East Chestnut Street, Suite 101  
Augusta, ME 04330-5717  
207-626-3615

Or visit:

<http://adcareme.org/problem-gambling/>

Take control of your gambling and find out more about the

# Maine

## Self-Exclusion Program



Is gambling causing stress in your life?

Getting help may be your **BEST BET**

## What is self-exclusion?

Self-exclusion is action a person can take to ban themselves from entering all casinos in Maine for a specific period of time. It also ends any privileges they have with the casino such as check-cashing services. A person can choose to self-exclude for 1 year, 3 years, 5 years, or for lifetime. The Gambling Control Board holds the official self exclusion list and releases the names only to casino or slot establishments. No one except the Gambling Control Unit may release the names of anyone on the self-exclusion list.

## How can self-exclusion help me?

A person concerned about their gambling habits may have trouble resisting the attractions inside a casino that can trigger the desire to gamble. Self-exclusion keeps a person from entering into a casino which may reduce the temptation to gamble.

## What will happen after I sign up for self-exclusion?

The casinos must not allow a person on the list to enter the building or use privileges. If a person on the list enters a casino they may be arrested for trespassing and any winnings they may have earned are turned over to the state.

A person, who gambles at a casino while on the Self-Exclusion List, may in no way collect any winnings or recover any losses that have resulted from gambling for the entire time the person is on the list. Any winnings given to or found on or about a person on the list will be turned over to the Gambling Control Unit.

## Can my name be removed from the self-exclusion list?

Yes. A person who self-excludes for a lifetime can request that their name be removed from the list five years after placement on the list by sending a written request to the Director of the Gambling Control Unit.

## Can I place a family member with a gambling problem on the self-exclusion list?

No. Self-Exclusion is completely voluntary. The person who wants to self-exclude must sign the forms in person at the office providing the service.

*"Though I know that ultimately I have to work the steps of recovery and find the kind of peace and serenity that allows me to be free of the obsession to gamble, in the interim this is a great roadblock for me and a good feeling of commitment to stop gambling, one day at a time."*

*Anonymous*

## How do I get on the self-exclusion list?

You can self-exclude by visiting one of the 12 locations listed on the back of this brochure. At the time of your visit you will:

- Read and sign the State of Maine Gambling Control Unit Self-Exclusion Request Form and the Self-Exclusion Waiver of Liability
- Have a photo taken
- Have a photo taken of your license or other photo ID you provide
- Receive resources and information about problem gambling and where to go for help.

Afterwards the forms and photos are sent in an email immediately to the Gambling Control Board and your name will be placed on the list. All paper forms and copied identifications will be sent to the Gambling Control Unit in the next available US mail. None of your information will remain with the agency. This is a password protected confidential process.

## Check list of things to bring when you self-exclude.

- Name, including any aliases or nicknames
- Address
- Date of birth
- Social Security Number (voluntary)
- Players Club number
- Government issued photo identification such as driver's license or passport. A state photo ID is acceptable.