

# Maryland Voluntary Exclusion Program for Lottery

*A tool of personal responsibility developed to help players who classify themselves as 'problem gamblers.' The Maryland Lottery allows a person to ban him/herself from receiving Lottery prizes or any direct mail/email promotional materials. Put simply, the agreement bars those individuals from receiving payment for winning Maryland Lottery tickets.*

## Things to Know:

- Placement on the voluntary exclusion list is completely voluntary.  
**Only the individual can sign themselves up.**
- The application must be filled out and submitted **in person** at MLGCA Headquarters in Baltimore or at any Maryland casino.
- An individual cannot be under the influence of any alcohol or controlled substances during the application process, so that a sober and informed decision can be made.
- Elect to be on the list for a **two-year or lifetime ban**. After two years a request for removal from the list can be made. The MLGCA makes the final decision as to whether or not to remove someone from the voluntary exclusion program.
- Participants seeking to claim a ticket of \$600 or higher will be flagged and directed to MLGCA headquarters.
- Participants contractually agree that, during the period of voluntary exclusion, any and all Lottery prizes will be redeemed and designated to the:  
**Maryland Problem Gambling Fund**

**LAUNCHING: MAY 20, 2013**

### How we're launching it:

- Press release announcing the new Program
- Graphics and information on mdlottery.com
- LIMs terminal graphics
- Brochures at all Lottery retail locations

### How common is problem gambling in Maryland?

Almost 90% of adults in Maryland gamble. 3.4% have a serious gambling problem, this translates into over 150,000 adults. Another almost 50,000 are youth (12-17) with serious gambling problems.

### Calling the 24/7 free, confidential helpline can help someone:

- Learn about free self-help groups around the state
- Learn where the closest gambling counselor can be found
- Learn about resources for gamblers and for family members
- Learn how to get written materials delivered free of charge
- Learn about joining our chat (feature from our web page)
- Help for families
- Help for those with more than one disorder

# 1-800-522-4700

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[www.mdgamblinghelp.org](http://www.mdgamblinghelp.org)