

Assessment Questions

Ask specific questions about leisure:

- What do you do for fun?
- How do you spend your leisure time?
- Do you play bingo, lotteries, sports lotteries or bet on horses? (or any other culturally relevant games)
- Do you ever go to casinos or other gambling venues?
- How much time and money do you spend on these activities?

Ask specific questions about debt:

- To whom do you owe money?
- Who are they: loan sharks, bookies, friends, relatives?
- Have you ever cashed in RRSP's or savings to cover your losses from gambling?

Ask or determine if the client is:

- Gambling more than intended
- Claiming to be winning when actually losing
- Feeling guilty about gambling
- Receiving criticism about his, or her, gambling
- Having money arguments centred on gambling

Persisting until he, or she, wins