**Social media copy for Problem Gambling Awareness Month**

**Helpline**

March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Many people experience problem gambling, which can leave you feeling distressed or cause problems with relationships, work, or money. Luckily, problem gambling can be treated, and people can recover. Learn more at GamblingHelplineMA.org.

It’s Problem Gambling Awareness Month. What is gambling? When does it cross the line from pastime to problem? Learn to recognize the signs of problem gambling and get help for yourself or a loved one today by calling 1-800-337-5050 or visiting GamblingHelplineMA.org. #PGAM2024

**Older Adults**

This Problem Gambling Awareness Month, find alternatives to gambling. Many social events can involve gambling, especially for older adults. That’s why it’s important to be aware of the risks of gambling, especially as we age. Visit mass.gov/TimeForMore to learn more. #PGAM2024

It’s a great time to try something new. March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month, and older adults are especially at risk when it comes to problem gambling. Learn more and discover the many alternatives to gambling at mass.gov/TimeForMore. #PGAM2024

**Men of Color**

For some, gambling can be a serious problem. And while this can happen to anyone, research shows that people with a history of substance misuse are at higher risk. March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month, so take this time to learn more at mass.gov/ProblemGambling. #PGAM2024

If you’re in recovery from substance or alcohol misuse, gambling could put your recovery in jeopardy. This Problem Gambling Awareness Month, know that you’re not alone. Visit mass.gov/ProblemGambling to learn the signs of problem gambling and find resources that can help.

**Youth and Parents**

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