

Video Worksheet:

Putting the kids first

Before watching the video

What are your thoughts about gambling using money from pawnbrokers or pay advances?

Synopsis: *A father struggles to cover his son's state team expenses after a pay advance is declined. He decides to pawn his guitar and the screen displays the tagline: "Where is Gambling taking you?" While checking his new bank balance, he is tempted to gamble the money by placing a sports bet. The screen then displays a "better choice" and the scene is replayed. Upon seeing the bank balance the Father realizes he can cover the expenses and also afford new shoes for his son. He calls his wife to let her know he has arranged a direct debit for the remaining costs, and presents his son with the paid permission slip and the promise of shopping for new boots after training.*

Watch the video.

What moments in the video stood out for you?



Did you know?

Pawnbrokers operate with very few rules, which can be risky for people who are already struggling financially. More and more people are using pawn loans because everything is getting more expensive. This is a problem because their interest rates can be extremely high, sometimes as much as 420% per year. When people can't pay back their loans, they often lose their valuable belongings, getting only a small amount of what they're actually worth.

Play, Pause, Consider

Pause the video at this point and consider the following questions:



What do you think is going through the Father's mind?

What does he choose to do?

How does this choice impact him?

What might be the consequences for him?

At the conclusion of the video after the better choice has played out, consider the following questions:

What strategy does he use to stop gambling?

How may this choice impact him?

Do you think this is an effective strategy?

Have you used this strategy before?

Strategy for safer gambling

Setting up direct debits is a good strategy to help you meet your financial goals.

What other strategies would work for you?

Tips for safer gambling



Set limits with your time



Talk with your gambling support person



Understand the risk - the house always wins



Gamble with a clear mind, not when you are upset or stressed



Don't try to win back what you have lost



Set limits with your money



Maintain balance in life - spend time in culture, do activities that you enjoy.



Don't depend on good luck strategies

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For more resources including community worksheets relating to each video and a series of factsheets relating to Gambling Harm impacts please visit www.gamblinghelpqld.org.au.

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