

## THE RISK FACTOR OF CRIMINALITY GAMBLING AND PROBLEMATIC GAME USE

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**ABSTRACT:** *In this article the concept, the process of formation and the characteristics of game addiction will be presented. Many types of game addiction are known, but the scope of persons concerned is significantly different depending on what game types we are talking. Game addiction, especially gambling addiction, is one risk factor of deviant behaviours. Hungarian and international studies revealed a direct connection between gambling addiction and crimes against property. The advancements of the 21<sup>th</sup> century open new dangerous windows, especially for the younger generations. Online gambling can be reached by anyone, the computer games and even the internet itself can cause addiction. Acting against these is more and more difficult.*

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