

## Self exclusion from gambling venues

Under NZ law (The Gambling Act 2003) if a person identifies themselves as having a gambling problem to an operator of a class 4 gambling venue (A casino or any venue with pokie machine), the operator must issue an exclusion order for that person.

If you self exclude yourself from a gambling venue and go into the gambling area of that venue, the operator commits an offence and can be fined up to \$10,000. You also commit an offence and can be fined up to \$2,000.

Self exclusion can be a good way of breaking the gambling cycle if all else fails. Self exclusion works extremely well for Casino problem gamblers as Casino operators are very well organised with self exclusions.

In practice if you want to self exclude from a gambling venue you should do so in writing and supply the venue with a photo. Any face-to-face gambling counselling service should be able to help you with the mechanics of this. The Gambling Helpline 0800 654 655 can also help with the process and provide you with ongoing support.