

Introduce kids to fun, not risk. Lottery tickets aren't for kids.

It's fun to introduce kids to the things we love—like sports, music, and the outdoors. But one thing we shouldn't introduce them to is lottery tickets. Why? Introducing lottery tickets can put kids at risk of developing a gambling problem later in life.

The parts of the brain that get a "rush" from substances are also stimulated by gambling. This is risky for kids because their brain's logic center isn't fully developed, making it hard for them to assess risk and make healthy choices for themselves now and in the future. So don't introduce lottery tickets to kids—it's not worth the risk.

MA youth who played lottery or scratch tickets in the last year (2023)



34.0%

High school students¹



36.5%

Middle school students¹



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