



Fact Sheet: Addressing Underage Gambling

Safeguards should be required to block minors from gambling online. Regulation, combined with proper licensing, enforcement and proven safety controls, as proposed under the Internet Gambling Regulation and Enforcement Act of 2007, provides a framework that mandates proven age and identity verification technology to combat underage gambling.

Leading Organizations Voice Benefits of Regulation

- **GamCare**, a U.K. based charitable organization committed to addressing the social impact of gambling, found that regulated Internet gambling, and the required use of age-verification technology, has gone a long way to minimize the threat of underage gambling in the U.K.
- According to **Aristotle Inc.**, a leading U.S. provider of identity and age-verification technology for clients in the private and public sector, online age-verification technologies have become faster and more reliable than the visual drivers license scan that suffices for alcohol and cigarette purchases.
- The **Alderney Gambling Control Commission**, which is responsible for overseeing the regulated Internet gambling activities of operators based on Alderney in the Channel Islands, proved the effectiveness of its regulations through tests that blocked a charitable organization posing as minors from accessing local gambling websites.

Safeguards

Under the Internet Gambling Regulation and Enforcement Act, regulated Internet gambling operators would likely offer the following safeguards to address underage gambling, currently implemented by many Internet gambling industry-leaders:

- When registering at a gambling website, the user would be required to provide a range of personal information and asked a series of detailed questions, including some which are derived from their credit history
- This information would then be run through existing third-party systems, such as databases from the Social Security Administration and Departments of Motor Vehicles, to confirm that the data being provided is accurate
- Internet gambling operators could also request physical copies of identification documents, such as a utility bill or driver's license, for verification upon registering

Tips for Combating Underage Gambling in your Home

- Use child protection software to block gambling sites
- Do not leave the computer unattended if you are logged on to an Internet gambling website
- Do not share your credit card or bank account details, including PIN, with your children
- Do not leave the "Save Password" option enabled on your computer or with any Internet gambling website
- Create separate profiles for your children on your computer so that when they log in they cannot access your information