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The prevalence rates of adolescent pathological gambling have been estimated to be two to four times that of adults. Given the serious social, economic and psychological consequences of pathological gambling on the individual and family, it is important to prevent gambling from becoming problematic. This presentation will take a critical look at the status of the current research on the prevention of adolescent pathological gambling. However, research studies in this area are at its infancy and are inadequate to address the severity of the problem. Adolescent pathological gambling is a risky behaviour which is often closely linked with delinquency and substance abuse. Protection efforts addressing adolescent drug abuse and delinquency seem to provide valid empirical evidence for the prevention of youth gambling problems. This presentation will draw on such evidence and focus on a social ecological perspective, which implies a risk-protective factor model that will be used as the basis for a strategic action plan at the individual family, school, and community domains. Deterrent strategies will be discussed in light of the Hong Kong experience. Teachers, parents, counsellors, policy makers, and even casino managers, who are interested in protecting adolescents from problem gambling, may find this presentation meaningful.