

## BACKGROUND INFO

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### Check Out The Odds:

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| ✓ | <b>Of being killed in a car crash this year</b>   | <b>1 in 7,893</b>      |
| ✓ | <b>Of being electrocuted this year</b>            | <b>1 in 42,852</b>     |
| ✓ | <b>Of being killed by someone's dog</b>           | <b>1 in 700,000</b>    |
| ✓ | <b>Of dying from flesh eating disease</b>         | <b>1 in 1 million</b>  |
| ✓ | <b>Of dying in a bathtub this year</b>            | <b>1 in 1 million</b>  |
| ✓ | <b>Of winning a major lottery like Lotto 6-49</b> | <b>1 in 14 million</b> |

Sources: Nova Scotia, 1992 Mortality Stats, and B. Evenson, Ottawa Citizen, 1995.

### Some Comments on Problems:

- ✓ **Problems that might disappear if I won a million dollars:** ☺ May not have to go to school if I was over 16 years, new house, car, vacations. ☺ May have more freedom and choice about present and future options. ☺ May have more time on your hands as you may not have to get a part-time job in the future or spend as much time studying.
- ✓ **Problems that wouldn't disappear, no matter how much money I had:**
  - ☹ Personal issues like uncomfortable feelings, feeling anxious, not feeling like you fit in may not change. ☹ Family problems like conflict, abuse, addiction problems or lack of closeness may not change. ☹ Disagreements with friends.
  - ☹ Your changed financial position may not make any difference to the social problems that affect you or bother you, such as making friends, dating, etc.
- ✓ **Problems that could get worse if I won a million dollars:** ☹ Relationships with family and friends, if they want to borrow money. ☹ Greed and jealousy sometimes surface in close relationships when money, and especially large sums, is involved. ☹ How would you know if people liked you or your money? ☹ If you wanted to keep going to your old school or living in your old neighbourhood, how would your friends or teachers or neighbours treat you or feel about you?
- ✓ **New problems that could develop if I won a million dollars:** ? How to make new friends [trust and suspicion about their motives might arise]. ? How to stay motivated to have a useful life if you're not working or going to school - most people need a sense of purpose in their lives. ? How to fill the time now available because you don't have to earn an allowance or help with jobs around the house, etc.