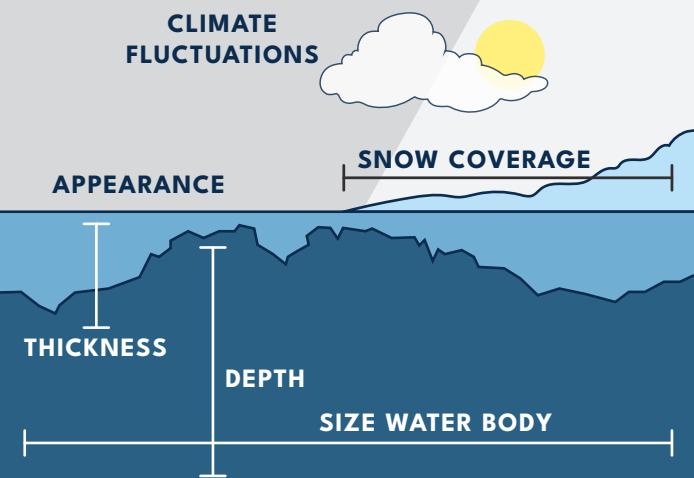


FACTS ABOUT ICE



Recognize that determining the safety of ice is dependent on a combination of factors, **not on one factor alone**, including:

- ▲ Appearance of the ice – its color, texture and features
- ▲ Thickness of the ice
- ▲ Cracks
- ▲ External temperature over a period of time and on the day
- ▲ Amount of sunlight
- ▲ Wind
- ▲ Snow coverage
- ▲ Depth of water under ice
- ▲ Size of water body
- ▲ Springs and currents
- ▲ Inlets and outlets
- ▲ Local climate fluctuations
- ▲ Extent of ice

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



- ▲ Consider all ice unpredictable.
- ▲ Ice is never completely safe under any conditions.
- ▲ Check local ice conditions – bait shops, radio, local establishments, etc.
- ▲ Wear proper clothing and equipment.



- ▲ Bring a buddy – don't go alone.
- ▲ Let people know where you will be going and returning home.
- ▲ Do not venture out in unfamiliar areas.
- ▲ Avoid being on the ice at night.



Ice Safety

Know Before You Go!

BE PREPARED:



Make sure to carry this essential equipment, and know how to use it:

- Spud bar
- GPS/navigation
- Ice picks
- Cell phone
- Lifejacket
- Rope
- Float-coat
- Ice cleats



IF YOU FALL IN -

USE ICE SELF-RESCUE



- 1 Don't panic – remain calm and continue breathing.
- 2 Keep your clothing on – it will help you float.
- 3 Go back the same direction you came, as the ice is strongest there.
- 4 Place your hands or picks on the ice.
- 5 Kick your legs and pull yourself out.
- 6 Remain flat and roll or slide onto the ice.
- 7 Get to a warm, dry, sheltered area and rewarm yourself immediately.

PLAN FOR OTHERS

REACH

If you can, extend an object such as a rope, shovel or other equipment.

If the person starts to pull you in, release your grip and start over.

THROW

Toss a rope to the victim and have them tie it around themselves before they lose motor functions



ROW

Find a light boat to push across the ice to the hole. Get in the boat and pull the victim over the bow.

If possible, tie a rope to the boat so others can pull you back from the hole.

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

Common sense is the greatest ally in preventing ice-related accidents.

That includes checking ice conditions and preparing yourself before venturing out.

One rule of thumb remains the same:

**TREAT
ALL ICE
AS UNSAFE**

