



ICE FISHING SAFETY

🌲 STAY PREPARED. STAY SAFE. ENJOY THE ICE. 🌲

Ice fishing is an amazing way to enjoy Ontario's winters—make safety your top catch of the day.



SAFETY FIRST, EVERY TIME

Ice conditions can change quickly. Check the ice, bring the right gear, and never fish alone.



1. CHECK ICE THICKNESS

Minimum 4" (10 cm) of clear, solid ice for safe walking. 6-8" (15-20 cm) for snowmobiles and ATVs.



2. NEVER FISH ALONE

Bring a buddy and let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back.



3. WEAR A PFD

Wear a personal flotation device or float suit—ice can be unpredictable.



4. BRING ICE SAFETY GEAR

Carry ice picks, a throw rope, and an ice scoop. Know how to use them.



5. CHECK THE WEATHER

Watch the forecast before you go and be ready for changing conditions.



6. STAY CONNECTED

Bring a fully charged phone or satellite device in case of emergency.



7. BE VEHICLE SMART

Avoid pressure ridges, cracks, and thin spots. Drive slowly and stay on known safe ice.



8. PACK ESSENTIALS

Bring extra clothing, blankets, food, water, first aid kit, and a flashlight.



9. KNOW THE SIGNS

Cracking ice, open water, and warmer temps can weaken ice. When in doubt, don't go out!



IF YOU BREAK THROUGH

- Stay calm.
- Don't panic.
- Spread your arms on the ice.
- Kick your legs and slide out.
- Get to shore and get warm.



REMEMBER:

The best catch of the day is coming home safe. Respect the ice and it will respect you.



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