



Be aware

Know where the water's edge is and stay on familiar paths when going for a walk.



Emergency Kit

Keep a winter and cold weather emergency kit near you or in your vehicle.



Check for signage

Be on the lookout for thin ice or dangerous water safety signs.



Phone

Keep a phone nearby to call 911 in an emergency.



Check ice conditions

No ice is safe ice – always be aware of thickness and quality. If going fishing or skating - verify ice conditions, create a trip plan and tell someone.



Safety Supervision

A parent or guardian should be actively supervising children near water.



Backyard pool safety

Check your winter cover for holes or gaps, and ensure your gate is locked.



Extra ice tips:

- Use the buddy system and never go out on ice alone.
- You can only survive a few minutes in cold water – remember that Ontario water is colder than you think.
- When outdoors in cold weather, wear multiple layers of dry clothing, warm boots, gloves and a hat.
- Drowning can still happen in the winter.

