

HSS Safety Share

Winter Ice Safety Checklist



Here are 10 winter ice safety tips to keep you and your family safe this season:

- ❖ Know the strength and thickness of ice before skating or walking on it.
- ❖ Never venture out on ice alone. Always bring a friend.
- ❖ Avoid ice with air bubbles in it. This indicates it may be weak.
- ❖ Don't walk near partially submerged stumps, limbs or rocks, where ice is weaker.
- ❖ Avoid ice over moving water.
- ❖ If your pet falls through the ice, don't attempt to rescue it. Call for help instead.
- ❖ Snow cover on lakes or rivers can hide cracks and open ice.
- ❖ Slush is a warning sign that ice is deteriorating.
- ❖ If a friend falls through the ice, try to reach him or her with a tree branch or rope. If you can't do this, go for help. Don't become a victim yourself.
- ❖ If you fall in, don't panic. Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface and work forwards by kicking your feet. Once out of the hole, don't stand up. Instead, roll away from the hole (towards shore). Keep your weight evenly distributed over the ice.

