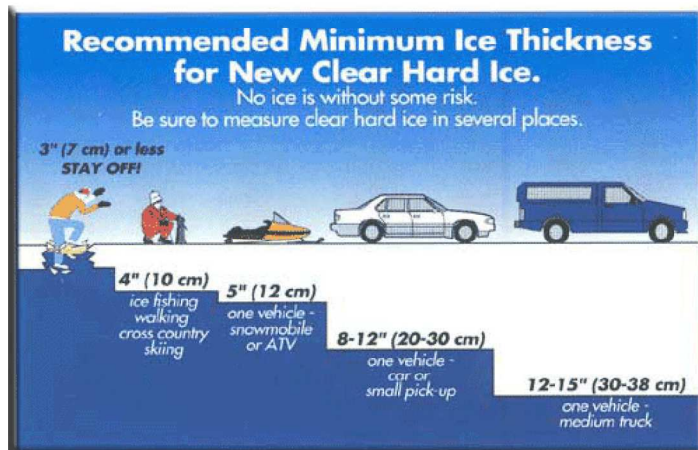


WATER SMART® FACTS

Ice Safety



Spring Ice is Rotten Ice.

Stop using the ice once spring thaws begin. Even if ice measures at the right thickness, candling during melting weakens it vertically. The ice can no longer be trusted.

For more information on ice safety, or to download your own Ice Thickness card visit:
www.lifesaving.org.

Avoid moving water. Ice formed on creeks and rivers cannot be trusted. Ice sections very close together can have very different thicknesses.

Hidden factors can weaken ice on a ponds or lakes. Snow acts like an insulating blanket. The ice under the snow will be thinner and weaker.

Choose shallow water. If the water under the ice is shallow enough to stand in, it reduces the hazards.

Maintaining safety. Mark selected ice; always keep a buddy and a lifejacket during testing.

Avoid water bodies with changing water levels. Fluctuations in water depth in some storm water retention ponds will weaken the ice.

What colour is the ice? Recommendations for ice thickness are for clear, blue or green ice.

