

Lesser Slave River

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DANGEROUS ICE CONDITIONS

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Though many great winter activities take place on the ice, carelessness can pose serious and even life-threatening dangers. The following guidelines are offered to help you mitigate risk.

- Never walk on ice less than 4" thick, and never drive on ice less than 12" thick. In doubt? Don't do it!
- Be extra cautious on river and stream ice. Ice can vary in thickness and strength due to temperature, water current, snow cover and time of year.
- Never follow closely behind or park near another vehicle on the ice. Ice can bend and crack with the weight of people, vehicles or heavy snow.
- When driving on lake ice: keep your seat belts off, open your window a crack and half unlatch your door so it can be opened quickly.

What if you fall through the ice?

- Break your way to ice thick enough to hold your weight. Time is of the essence.
- Crawl on your belly onto the surface, spreading your weight as far as possible. Use sharp objects for traction.
- Immediately seek a warm place and remove wet clothes. Hypothermia sets in quickly and will leave you helpless.

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