

**"SAFE ICE
FOR SAFE SKATING"**



The Department of Parks,
Buildings and
Recreation Management hopes that
by
reading this Brochure we will
increase
your knowledge and awareness of
ice
safety so that you may have a
safe and
enjoyable experience during the
winter
months on our Lakes and Ponds.

Safe Ideas for Safe Ice

To form safe ice the weather must be calm with an air temperature consistently below 25 degrees Fahrenheit, preferably for up to 14 days. Ice is normally near its melting point, so temperatures above 25 degrees do not create safe ice. Deep water freezes more slowly than shallow water and **spring-fed** ponds are likely to freeze very slowly as warmer water is constantly flowing into the pond from the spring.

After ice has formed, and new snow is not removed as soon as possible, the surface may become coated with weaker “**snow-ice**”. This cloudy ice is formed when wet snow falls on top of cold ice. Snow ice tends to be weak and melts easily.

One of the most dangerous conditions around ponds in the winter is ice separated from the shore. The separated ice is very likely to be **weak** for human activity. This is caused by salt runoff, algae content, silt, and other impurities which can weaken ice.



IF THIS SIGN IS POSTED THE ICE IS UNSAFE...

“TOP TEN” ICE SAFETY TIPS”

#1 CALL Springfield Parks Department to check ice safety!
Phone Numbers (413) 787-6434 Monday – Friday
(413) 787-6461 Weekends

#2 Never go on the ice alone!

#3 Check with your parents before you go skating!

#4 Even when the weather is “ice cold”. Don’t guess that the ice is thick enough!

#5 Stay Off all rivers and spring-fed ponds!

#6 Dress in layers with water resistant outer wear and don’t forget to wear a hat!

#7 If the shoreline is cracked or wet, STAY OFF THE ICE!

#8 If you feel the ice crack, lie down, spread your weight, and carefully wiggle back to shore!

#9 If you fall through the ice try not to panic. Instead, remain calm and turn toward the direction you came from. Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface of ice. Work forward on the ice by kicking your feet. Once you are lying on the ice, don’t stand. Instead roll away from the hole until you are on solid ice.

#10 What if a companion falls in? Keep calm and call 911 immediately. Find an item on the shore to throw or extend to the individual i.e., rope, piece of clothing, a branch of a tree, if a house is near look for a ladder or water hose. After you have rescued the individual wrap them in warm clothing or a blanket. Get them medical assistance as soon as possible.

10 Avisos De Seguridad En El Hielo

#1 Llame al Departamento de parquet para la seguridad del hielo!

Parques: 787-6434 and 787-6461

#2 Nunca vayas cerca del hielo solo!

#3 Averigüe con sus padres antes de ir!

#4 Aunque la temperature este bien fria, no se piense que la agua esta congelada, hecha hielo!

#5 Mantenganse Fuera de rios y pozos de agues!

#6 Vistase con muchas capas de ropa, su ropa de a fuera debe ser resistente al agua y nunca olvide de usar una gorra!

#7 Si la orilla esta rajada y deretida, mantengase fuera del heilo

#8 Si tu oyes que el hielo se rompe, acuestate y extiende tu peso y con mucho cuidado muevete de un lado a otro hacia la orilla!

#9 Si usted se cae por el hielo trate de no asustarse. Quedese calmoso y de la vuelta a la direccion que usted vino. Coloque las manos y los brazos en el agua. Una vez que usted esta en el hielo no se pare, arrolle su cuepo lejos del hoyo hasta que usted aste en el hielo solido!

#10 ? Que si un companero se cae por el hielo ? Mantega la calma y llame 911 inmediatamente grite por ayuda busque un articulo en la costa para tiral o extendel a su companero, una sog a un pedazo de ropa o una rama de arbol. Si una casa esta cerca busca por una escalera o una mangara de agua. Depues que usted a salvedo a su companero lo abriga en una ropa seca o una sabana caliente y le obtiene ayuda madica los mas prompto pocible!