

NEWS RELEASE

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City reminds people to stay off ice on local bodies of water

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is reminding the public to stay off the ice on all lakes, ponds and water sources in Nanaimo. The ice is unsafe.

The following rules should always be followed to ensure ice safety:

- The only safe ice is at an ice rink.
- Never assume the ice is safe.
- Never use ice for a shortcut.
- Never go out onto ice after an animal or toy.

Signs are posted at local park lakes, however this applies to all bodies of water.

Strategic Link: Public Safety: supporting the collective well being of our community by protecting the lives of all our residents.

Key Points

- Stay off the ice! The ice on Nanaimo's lakes, ponds and waterways is not safe to walk, skate or play on.
- The only safe ice to use is at our ice rinks.
- If you happen to see someone fall through the ice, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Quotes

"Ice on our lakes is a rare occurrence and as tempting as it could be to venture out on what looks to be a frozen body of water, we ask that you choose to stay safe and avoid a potential accident. PLEASE stay off the ice!"

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

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