

# Be Ice Smart This Winter!

## Safety Equipment for your Next Trip

No ice is 100% safe at any time during Canadian winters. Changing ice conditions can make any area hazardous for travel without warning. If you go out **on** the ice you need to be prepared to go **through** the ice and **into** cold water!

Use the following checklists to see if you are ready for your trip!

*Personal Safety Kit* (Worn on your person, carried in hand, or stored in a water-proof case inside of your jacket at all times)

- Buoyant Snowmobile Suit ("Floater Coat") or Lifejacket/PFD
- Ice Picks
- Ice Staff/Walking Stick
- Waterproof matches
- Lighter/Flint match
- Compass
- Whistle (plastic & pealess)
- Pocket knife
- Cell phone or 2-way radio



*General Safety Supplies* (Carried in your backpack or vehicle with quick & easy access)

- Sounding device (whistle, fog horn etc.)
- Signaling device (flashlight, strobe, flares etc.)
- Map and/or route card
- Compass and/or GPS unit
- First aid kit
- Throw bag/throwing assist
- 3 – 8 meters (10 – 25 feet) of rope



*Winter Survival Supplies* (Carried in your backpack or vehicle for any trip where emergency assistance might take more than one hour to reach you)

- High energy foods
- Emergency water supply
- Waterproof matches, lighter
- Cotton balls, steel wool & kerosene in watertight container
- Signal mirror, flares, candles
- LED flashlight & spare batteries
- Emergency blanket
- Emergency shelter (tarp, tent, garbage bag, etc.)
- Duct or electrical tape
- Pocket knife, can opener or multi-tool
- Extra clothing (weather appropriate)
- Small stove & fuel
- Small ax & sharpening stone
- Cooking utensils (small pot, fork, spoon)
- Fishing line and hooks
- Snare wire, parachute cord



### *Final Ice Smart Safety Tips*

- Stay off the ice if you have the choice. Not going on the ice means you cannot go through it.
- Always travel with a buddy. Travelling with a friend means there is someone there to help you out if things go wrong.
- Alcohol and winter ice do not mix. Being under the influence increases your risk of getting into trouble. Stay sober and stay safe!

