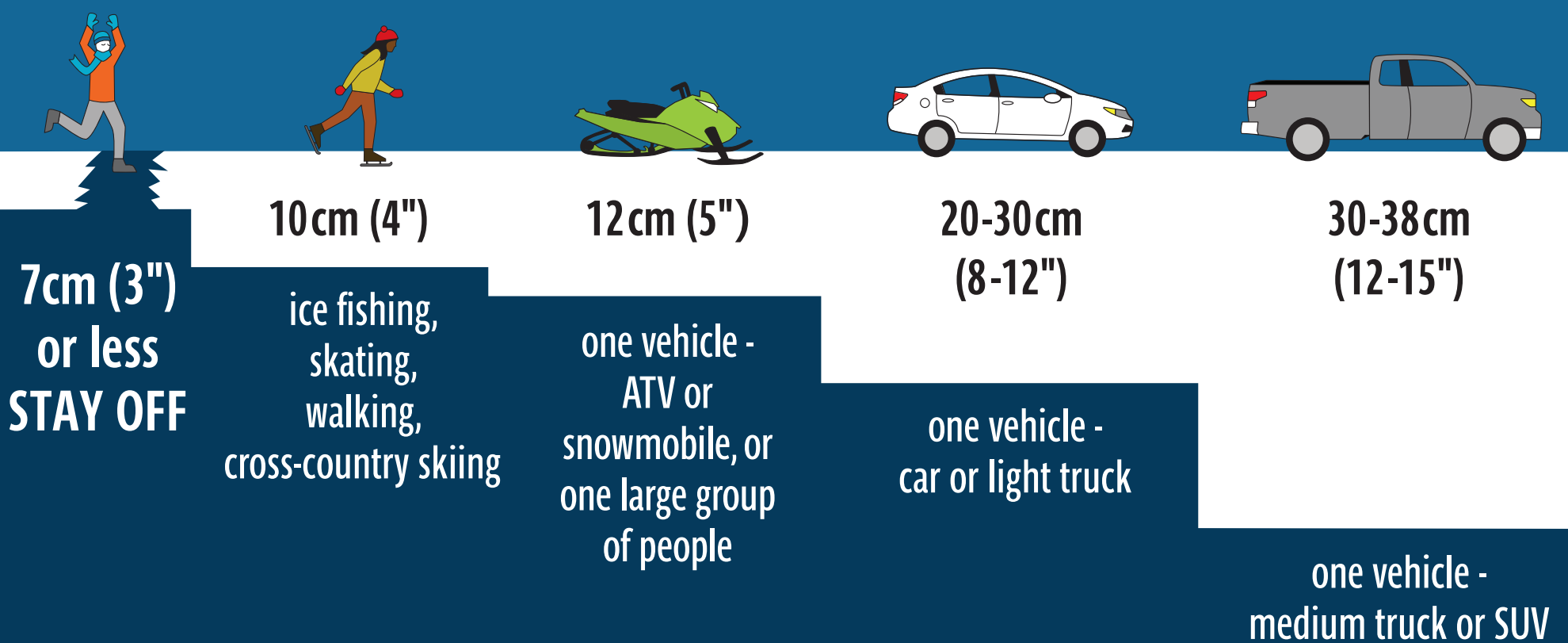


Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness for New Clear Hard Ice

No ice is without some risk.
Measure clear hard ice in several places.



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NO ICE IS WITHOUT SOME RISK... MINIMIZE YOUR RISK

It is critical that the quality and type of ice is evaluated before you travel.

New clear hard ice is the only kind of ice recommended for travel.



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Avoid:

- Areas of slush on the ice
- Open holes or open water
- Ice on or near moving water (i.e. areas with currents such as rivers)
- Pressure ridges
- Ice that has thawed and refrozen

Risk factors that weaken or "rot" ice:

- Currents or wind action can shift entire ice sheets and create pressure ridges or weak points
- Snow on ice acts as a blanket that prevents hardening
- Sudden temperature changes can cause ice to crack or split into layers