



Media Release: Safety around ice and open water

During this time of year we are having some snow and colder temperatures, followed by warmer temperatures with sun. Due to these combined factors the open water in ponds/storm water retention areas is not frozen. We want to draw attention to ensure that people are safe while participating in activities near the water.

It should be noted that none of the Town of Carstairs storm water retention ponds are supposed to be used for any winter activities, due to the risk involved with ice and the possibility of breaking through. As a result of seeing and hearing that children are playing near and at times on the ice we want to share our concern for safety with parents and community members.

Many factors can contribute to the ice thickness, including water depth and size, fluctuations in water levels, and items such as logs or rocks that absorb the sun's heat. This is in addition to the above mentioned changes in temperature.

All of this to say that ice is not safe to walk on. Parents, please discuss this with your children as we want to make sure everyone is safe to enjoy their winter activities.

Thank you and have a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

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