

## **Spotlight on Health and Safety**

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### **Spring Melt Safety**

It is that time of year when we eagerly await the spring thaw and the long anticipated spring weather! Sunshine and warmth are right around the corner, and we are anxious to spend additional time outside.

As the spring season approaches, please be mindful of the hazards that exist for you, your children and even your pets, during the spring melt.

Spring ice is unpredictable and unsafe. Whether that may be a nearby pond, creek, ditch, slough or river – please stay off the ice. A warm spell can degrade ice very quickly; ice that was safe one day may be dangerous the next.

As temperatures increase above zero, creek and river banks may become especially slippery and unstable, it's best to avoid these areas. Water levels will rise and the ice that covers our local rivers, creeks and dugouts will break-up. Keep aware of water levels, as our waterways, including small ditches and culverts, can become filled with runoff and flooding can result. While enjoying the warmer climate and changing conditions ensure safe distances and keep you and your family safe.

We hope you have a wonderful and safe spring.

The Canadian Red Cross offers safety tips including - Ice Safety, Hypothermia & Cold Water, Ice Fishing, Snowmobiling on Ice, and more! [Red Cross Swimming, Boating and Water Safety Tips](#)