

ICE IS NEVER 100% SAFE

Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness

(Guidelines for New, Clear Ice Only)



<4"

Keep off

5-7"

Snowmobile

9-12"

Car

4"

On foot

7-8"

Side-by-side
ATV

13-17"

Truck

20+"

Heavy duty truck
with wheelhouse
shelter



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What you need to know

- Ice thickness varies; check as you go.
- Double thickness guidelines for white ice.
- Vehicles should be parked 50 feet apart.
- Vehicles should be moved every two hours.
- Ask local experts about known hazards.
- Avoid pressure ridges and areas with currents.

Prepare for the unexpected

- Wear buoyant gear (except when in an enclosed vehicle).
- Have a pair of ice picks immediately accessible.
- Use caution driving on ice. Roll down windows and unlock doors.
- If you break through, GET OUT FAST!

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