

# ICE IS NEVER 100% SAFE

## Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness

(Guidelines for New, Clear Ice Only)



**<4"**  
Keep off

**4"**  
On foot

**5-7"**  
Snowmobile

**7-8"**  
Side-by-side  
ATV

**9-12"**  
Car

**13-17"**  
Truck

**20+"**  
Heavy duty truck  
with wheelhouse  
shelter

- Ice thickness varies; check as you go.
- Double thickness guidelines for white ice.
- Wear buoyant gear (except when in an enclosed vehicle).
- Have a pair of ice picks immediately accessible.
- Use caution driving on ice, roll down a window and unlock doors.
- Avoid pressure ridges and areas with currents.
- Ask local experts about known hazards.

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