

RE: Student Ice Safety

In Strathcona County we believe that safety on ice is everyone's responsibility. Please help us educate your students about safe behavior around storm water ponds and other bodies of water.

As you have noticed, the temperature outside is dropping and a thin layer of ice has formed on our storm water ponds. Storm water pond ice conditions are unknown and dangerous for recreational activities like ice-skating and hockey. The storm water ponds have a constant flow of water which causes the ice to form in unstable conditions over the winter months. These unpredictable and fluctuating water levels create an environment in which the water may not freeze completely solid, making the unknown ice conditions dangerous.

Strathcona County does not monitor the ice thickness on any man made or natural bodies of water. Please advise your students and their families to obey all posted signs, **play safe and keep off the ice.**

Enclosed you will find an ice safety poster including an example of the safety signage around our bodies of water. Please put this poster up in your school and ask your teaching staff to speak with their students about the importance of staying off the ice this winter.

If you are interested in bringing in a guest speaker to talk about storm water ponds to your students, please contact Vanessa Higgins, Watershed Specialist at 780-416-7296.

Sincerely,



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