



# NSS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**Nearly all drownings that occur in the winter are late in the day or at night. 57% of the deaths occurred from January to March, when people might expect ice to be the strongest.**

### Ice and Snow Safety

Everyone has concerns when out and about in the ice and snow. No different if you're walking or driving in the wintertime. We all have safety tips; here is a couple to keep your family, friends and yourself safe during this winter season.

\*Assume **ALL** wet, dark areas on pavement or roadways is black ice

\*Always leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front

\* NEVER pass a snowplow, their plows come out further then the truck

\*Wear proper footwear, clothing that can be seen and plan ahead for any type of weather

\* Having proper tires on your vehicle makes it safer for you and everyone around you

### Many Factors affect ice thickness including:

- type of water
- location
- time of year
- water depth
- currents, tides and other moving water
- chemicals including salt
- fluctuation in water levels
- logs, rocks and docks absorbing heat from the sun
- shock waves from vehicles traveling on the ice



### Ice Colour

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength.

- clear blue ice is strongest white opaque or snow ice is half as strong as blue ice
- grey ice is unsafe. (the grayness indicates the presence of water)



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