

Public Service Announcement

Ice safety during spring melt

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The Department of Community Services' Nunavut Emergency Management (NEM) division is encouraging Nunavummiut to stay off unstable ice as spring temperatures rise and ice conditions begin to change.

During spring melt, sea ice and pond ice can become weak, unstable and unpredictable. Ice that appears solid may be melting underneath, cracking, or shifting without warning.

Residents, especially children and youth, are reminded to stay off floating ice pans and avoid playing, jumping or walking on unstable ice. What may look safe can break apart, drift away, or give way beneath you, creating a serious risk of falling into cold water.

Cold water and changing ice conditions can quickly become life-threatening and increase the risk of hypothermia or drowning.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to speak with children about the dangers of playing on unstable ice and the importance of staying away from the water when conditions are changing.

Staying back and making safe choices can help prevent emergencies.

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit [Nunavut Emergency Management's page](#) on the Government of Nunavut website.

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