

ICE Plan – Leave with a responsible party before you go on the ice.

Print out and complete this page before you go out on the ice. Leave it with a reliable person who will notify authorities if you do not return as scheduled.

1 Name: _____ Phone # _____ Cell
 Address: _____

2 Do any group members have a medical condition? Yes No
 Explain: _____

3. Number of persons on the ice: Time Leaving _____ Going To _____
 Expecting to return by _____ (date/time)
 But no later than: _____ (date/time)

4 Description if ice conveyances (Vehicles):
 Type _____ Color _____ Make _____ Reg # _____
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5 Protective equipment (check all that you have):
 Life Jackets Dry Suits Ice Picks Flashlight Rope Length of Rope _____

6 Do you have a Marine VHF Radio? Fully charged cell phone?

7 Vehicle/tow or transport information: License # _____ Type _____
 Make _____ Color _____ Location _____

8 If not returned by _____ (date/time) please call _____ (name)
 _____ (number), **911** or US Coast Guard at **(989) 892-0556** or **VHF Channel 16**

Clothing

- Wear a warm hat that will stay on your head in the water.
- Have spare dry clothing stored in a sealed dry bag.
- Check your protective clothing in a controlled coldwater environment to understand its level of protection.
- Have some form of reflective material on your clothing, just in case you're out in the dark.
- Make sure your companions check their clothing.
- Is your clothing in good shape with no rips, torn or frayed areas, no broken zippers or clips?

Courtesy of the men & women of USCG Station Saginaw River and the Saginaw Bay Area USCG Auxiliary.

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If you plan on venturing out onto the Lakes in winter, remember the acronym ICE—

INFORMATION – Remain informed by checking weather and ice conditions before going out. Know your intended destination on the ice, and know how to call for help.

CLOTHING – Wear sufficient clothing to prevent hypothermia. Choose bright colors and reflective garments to aid searchers if you end up needing help.

EQUIPMENT – Never venture onto the ice without proper safety equipment: a marine radio, a Personal Locator Beacon, life jacket, and screw drivers or ice picks, which all allow you to pull yourself out of the water should you break through the ice.