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NO ICE IS WITHOUT RISK

(Bancroft, Ontario) – The Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind the public that even though there is ice on some lakes and rivers in the Bancroft area, you need to use caution if you choose to be on them. Not every lake is the same and varying winter weather conditions and temperatures can change ice conditions quickly.

Always check the ice in several places before travelling onto it, wear a floatation suit, carry ice picks, if you go onto the ice be prepared to rescue yourself and if you are travelling in a group, keep good spacing so that if one person goes into the water, no one else will.

If you are walking or ice fishing, you will require at least 4 inches of new clear hard ice for one person. If you are on a snowmobile or ATV you will require at least 5 inches of new hard clear ice for one person. If you are in one vehicle or small pickup truck, you will require at least 8-12 inches of clear hard new ice.

Always remember that no ice is without risk and you need to use caution when travelling on them.

SNOWMOBILE REMINDER

The Bancroft and surrounding area are well into the snowmobile season and the Bancroft OPP would like to remind snowmobile operators that the need to be responsible on trails. Following a few basic tips can make your snowmobile ride safe and enjoyable:

- Make sure that you carry your licence, ownership and insurance on your person.
- Stay on marked trails and respect private property.
- Obey the speed limit on trails.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Before venturing out onto the ice, check to make sure ice conditions are safe.
- Trail permits are required if operating your machine on an Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club prescribed trail.
- Make sure that all permits are affixed properly on your snowmobile before operating it on a trail.

Rules that snowmobile owners and operators must follow can be found on the internet at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca, "Motorized Snow Vehicle Act".



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