

Ice Safety Tips:

- **NO ICE IS SAFE ICE** – always assume the ice is unsafe.
- Call a local bait shop for ice conditions.
- Always have ice picks and rope within easy reach.
- Carry a marine radio, cell phone in a bag, GPS, compass.
- Check the weather forecast and be prepared for conditions.
- Hire an experienced local ice fishing guide.
- Wear a USCG approved life jacket or wearable flotation device.
- Let someone know where you plan to go and when you plan to return.
- Stop and check the ice thickness often, ice conditions change frequently.
- Travel with a buddy.
- Don't travel at night.
- If the ice cracks, crawl or roll back the way you came.
- If you fall in the water, **STAY CALM**, climb out of the ice in the direction that you came. Get into dry clothes as soon as possible. Seek medical treatment if hypothermia has set in.
- Avoid any creek / river mouth.
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Ice Characteristics:

There are several types of ice that can be found on the Chequamegon Bay.

- Clear blue ice is stronger than ice that is layered and mixed with snow.
- Pack ice, formed from ice flows, has many weak joints and is unsafe to walk on.
- Ice along the shore can be weak and unpredictable.
- Pressure ridges can change throughout the day and may have open water around them.
- Gaps can form between cracks in the ice. These gaps can change from inches to many feet during the time you are on the ice.
- Water current weakens ice around the breakwall, ore dock, creeks and culverts and other structures.
- Ice will begin to degrade any time the temperature is above 32°F.

Ice Thickness Guidelines:

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- 2" Thick STAY OFF!
- 4" Thick Ice Fishing / Walking
- 6" Thick Snowmobile / ATV
- 12" Thick Car / Small Pickup
- 15" Thick Medium Pickup

Call 911 to report any emergency



ICE SAFETY

on Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay in Northern Wisconsin



Check with these bait shops for ice conditions and information:

Angler's All 715-682-5754

River Rock 715-682-3232



In memory of Jim Hudson

Lake Superior

● Dangerous Ice Area

🚶 Public Ice Access

🚤 Boat Launch

1 Fish Creek / Whittlesey Creek

2 Hot Pond

3 End of Coal Dock

4 End of Ore Dock & West Side

5 East End of Breakwall to Shore

6 West End of Lighthouse

7 Coal Dock

8 South Channel

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