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## Public reminded to stay alert around thin ice

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The City of Edmonton reminds residents to stay safe around bodies of water, particularly the North Saskatchewan River and stormwater lakes.

"Fluctuating water levels cause the ice thickness to vary across the length and breadth of the North Saskatchewan River, posing a significant risk to the public," said Fire Chief Ken Block. "This is a powerful, deceptive, fast-moving river; snow and ice on the North Saskatchewan River is never safe to walk on."

"Due to the nature and function of stormwater lakes, ice conditions can be unpredictable," said Utility Services Branch Manager Chris Ward. "We are asking the public to adhere to the posted signs and refrain from walking or skating on stormwater lakes."

Residents who witness someone fall through the ice are urged to phone 911 and maintain eye contact with the individual. Never attempt to rescue an individual or pet that has fallen through the ice.

Edmontonians are encouraged to visit the City's [website](#) for a list of maintained, safe ice rinks around the city.

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### For more information:

[edmonton.ca/activities\\_parks\\_recreation/be-safe-on-ice.aspx](http://edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/be-safe-on-ice.aspx)

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