Do not Walk, Skate, or Play on Frozen Retention Ponds

Retention ponds are never safe to use for winter recreation activities. Ice conditions can change quickly without warning, and falling through the ice can be deadly. Remind your children to stay away from frozen retention ponds. Keep dogs on leashes when walking near a retention pond so they don’t run onto the ice.

Do not walk, skate, or play on frozen retention ponds. Talk to your children about staying away from the ice.

Do not place hockey nets, benches, light structures, or any other items on a frozen retention pond.

If you see someone in distress on a retention pond or any other frozen body of water, call 911.

Water from snowmelt or nearby water main breaks can drain into retention ponds. This water is often mixed with street salts, which can cause ice to melt and thin unevenly. This water enters retention ponds from underneath the ice, resulting in thinning of ice that can’t be seen from the surface. For more information, contact 311.

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