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Lake Minnetonka Winter Recreation (Regulations and Safety)

The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD), in partnership with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), would like to be a part of your preparations in ramping up for the wide variety of activities that take place on Lake Minnetonka every winter. You are encouraged to review the information offered within as it provides valuable resources, including from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, in contributing to not only your safety but the safety of all.

LAKE MINNETONKA MOTORIZED SPEED LIMITS - MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN STATE LAW			
25 MPH	30 MPH	50 MPH	
24 Hours Per Day	Nighttime	Daytime	Nighttime (*)
Shorezone - area of Lake ice within 150 feet of shoreline	Outside of shorezone, except snowmobiles (*)	Outside of shorezone; all motorized vehicles	Outside of shorezone; snowmobiles as defined by MN Statute
Within channels			
All of Black, Emerald, and Seton Lakes			
150 feet from a pedestrian, fish house, skating rink, or in conflict with or endanger of persons or property			

Ice is NEVER 100% Safe

Be Prepared!
 Wear a Lifejacket - Never go Alone
 Carry Ice Picks & Rope
 Avoid Driving on the Ice
 Check Conditions Locally and Often

Deicing Sites - Stay Clear

Deicing involves the use of equipment to circulate water around a permanent dock to prevent damage from shifting ice formations. Public safety in the proximity of a deicing site is the LMCD's primary concern. It is important to understand signs of a deicing site and maintain a respectful distance.



- Licensed
- Adequate Fencing
- Lighting
- Signage
- Passed Inspection

The following resources are offered to assist in further understanding the winter rules and regulations for Lake Minnetonka and how to stay safe when recreating on the Lake ice:



The Lake Minnetonka Winter Rules brochure is available on the LMCD's website at www.lmcd.org, under both "Hot Topics" and "Rules and Regulations;" within signage drop boxes at most winter public accesses; at the HCSO Water Patrol Unit; or by calling the LMCD office to have one mailed to you.



The MN DNR website, www.mndnr.gov/icesafety, is a great resource in preparing for the important safety factors that come with recreating on frozen water. In-depth information is offered on ice thickness guidelines, traveling while on the ice, survival plans, vehicle escape, helping others, and within various brochures.



The HCSO Water Patrol Unit, www.hennepinsheriff.org/water-patrol, provides law enforcement services on Lake Minnetonka (including applicable laws of the LMCD, surrounding cities, and State of Minnesota). For 24 hour, non-emergency assistance, please call 612-596-9880. As always, for life threatening emergencies, dial 911.

