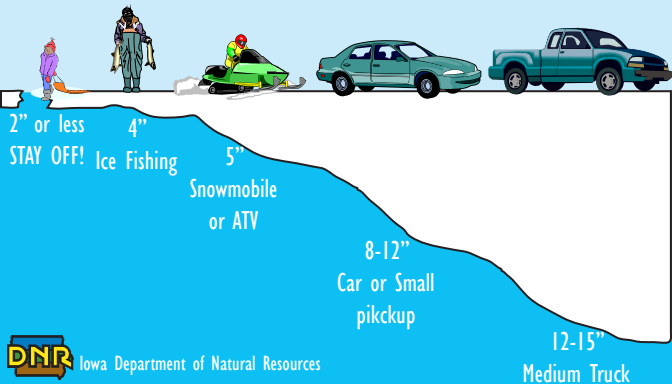


# Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness

Guidelines for New Clear Ice Only



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•It is critical that the ice quality or type of ice is evaluated before you travel.

•Clear, hard, new ice is the only kind of ice recommended for travel.

•Avoid!

- slushy ice

- ice on or near moving water i.e., rivers, currents

- ice that has thawed and refrozen

- layered or rotten ice caused by sudden temperature changes

•Other risk factors that weaken or “rot” ice:

- snow on ice that acts as a blanket to prevent hardening of ice

- pressure ridges due to wind or current pressure

**NO ICE IS WITHOUT SOME RISK...  
MINIMIZE YOUR RISK**

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