

Safety First

Dress for the weather

Think about clothing first. Feeling cold could end a great fishing trip in a hurry. Avoid one heavy layer of clothing. Instead, wear several thin layers. If you get too warm or begin to sweat, remove a layer. Avoid cotton clothing. Cotton will not insulate when it's wet. Synthetic clothing or wool will keep you warm even when it's wet.

Winter Clothing Suggestions:

- Wool socks
- Insulated waterproof boots
- Waterproof gloves or mittens
- Winter hat
- Scarf
- Thermal underwear
- Warm pants
- Snow pants
- Long sleeve shirt
- Sweater
- Water-repellant/wind-resistant jacket

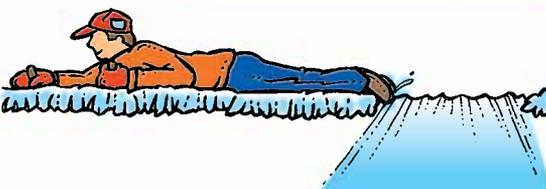
out if you fall through the ice. If you don't have crampons, sprinkle sand on the ice. Don't forget sunglasses, lip balm, warm beverages and snacks.

Safety Gear

Bring safety equipment such as rope, a throwable flotation device, ice awls and ice crampons (cleats). Ice awls are used



Using Ice Awls



Ice Safety

Never wander onto the ice until you're sure that it's thick enough. Look at the ice thickness chart in this issue to help you decide if the ice thickness is adequate. Make sure you check the ice by drilling several test holes as you go.

