



Safety tips for skating

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KENOSHA – The City of Kenosha reminds citizens that it is never safe to ice skate in the Lake Michigan harbor downtown. Even during very cold weather, ice can crack. According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, there is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice on open bodies of water.

People are not able to determine the strength of ice by factors including its appearance, age, thickness, temperature or whether the ice is covered with snow. Ice strength is based on a combination of several factors, and they can vary from water body to water body. Ice strength can also vary in different areas of the same body of water.

Instead, people are welcome to skate free of charge at the City's ice rink at Veterans Memorial Park outside City Hall, 625 52nd St. The 32-foot by 60-foot ice rink is regularly open for skating free of charge from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. – weather permitting. Bring your own skates or check out free ice skates sponsored by the Mayor's Youth Commission during posted rental hours. Ice skates are available – on a first-come-first-served basis – at the Skate Hut outside the ice rink during rental hours: 4 to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays, and noon to 8 p.m. Sundays, with the exception of holidays. Child and adult sizes are available for check-out by dropping off a photo ID, such as a valid driver's license or a valid school-issued ID.

No hockey pucks or sticks are allowed on the ice rink. Food and beverages also are not allowed on the ice rink.