

Member	Water Safety Message for Families and Children
Municipalities	Parents should inform their children of the risks of playing near the water, and provide appropriate supervision.
Township of	Why are rivers, creeks, lakes and ponds dangerous at this time of year?
Adelaide-Metcalf	•Ice and snow are melting, making our waters very deep, fast flowing and COLD.
Municipality of	•Stream and river banks get very slippery – you could unintentionally slide right in!
Brooke-Alvinston	•The fast-moving waters can carry away the soil and snow under the riverbanks. They might look safe to stand on but underneath there is nothing to hold you up!
Municipality of	Signs water gives us to show it’s dangerous:
Chatham-Kent	It gets deeper-higher on riverbanks, covers shrubs and trees during flood events
Township of	Riffles (small white waves) are visible showing increased water speed
Dawn-Euphemia	Large branches, uprooted shrubs, and garbage floating quickly downstream
Township of	Signs like these warn us to STAY FAR AWAY.
Enniskillen	How to Stay Safe:
Municipality of	•ALWAYS TELL AN ADULT WHERE YOU ARE GOING
Lambton Shores	•Buddies – always have a friend with you, they can help if you get in trouble
Municipality of	•PFD’s – Even adults need to wear a Personal Floatation Device if they are around water.
Middlesex Centre	ALWAYS TELL AN ADULT WHERE YOU ARE GOING
Village of	STAY AWAY FROM LAKES, STREAMS AND RIVER BANKS!!!
Newbury	•Ice on rivers and lakes can be treacherous at this time of year. Stay away from dams, ditches and culverts.
	•Mounds of ice on the shore of lakes can be dangerous and unstable too!
	•Never play around dam structures and never swim near or from a dam. Water currents around a dam can trap you with such force that you cannot escape.
	•Remember never play near, or on, ice without adult supervision.
	Be Smart and Stay Safe!