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## **Unsafe Ice at Carlyle Lake**

**Carlyle Lake** – Recent subfreezing temperatures have resulted in ice forming on most of Carlyle Lake. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers warns visitors to stay off lake ice. When the lake level drops, air pockets are created under the ice. The air pocket and variation in thickness of ice cause the ice to collapse under a person's weight. Be sure to stay off lake ice, because lake ice is always unsafe.

Hypothermia is the chill that can kill. Besides the obvious wet conditions, sweating and even humidity in the air can kill you. Hypothermia occurs when the body loses more heat than it can produce. This can lead to unconsciousness and even death. The risk of getting hypothermia is just another incentive to stay off the ice. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers urges you to play it safe this winter!

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