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Winter Safety Tips

Greenwich CT: With the colder months of the year now upon us, the Greenwich Police Department has a few safety tips for you and your family to keep in mind.

THIN ICE – No skating on Town owned ponds

Children and adults are attracted to either ice on a reservoir or out on a pond during the winter months. It is fun to walk on, run and slide across and to go skating on. Unfortunately, the risks are underestimated. If you see someone who has fallen through the ice, DO NOT WALK out to them, you may become another victim. Instead try to reach them with a tree branch, rope, or shovel, anything that you can place between you and the victim and have them grab onto it. Then as quickly as you can get help! **There is NO SKATING** or walking on the ice in any Town of Greenwich owned park. The town maintains fully enclosed ice skating facility offering a wide variety of winter programs including group lessons, hockey clinics, youth and men's hockey leagues, a Town-wide Figure Skating Competition, general skating sessions and more. The rink has completed renovations to improve user comfort, safety and accessibility.

DOROTHY HAMILL SKATING RINK

Location: Sherman Avenue

Telephone: (203) 531-8560

WINTER STORMS

Every year winter storms and below zero temperatures give rise to weather-related emergencies. Everyone is potentially at risk, however the actual threat to you depends on your specific situation. Avoid overexertion, such as shoveling heavy snow, pushing a car, or walking in deep snow. The strain from the cold and the hard labor may cause a heart attack. Sweating could lead to a chill and hypothermia. The cold weather can present serious problems. A little careful planning, preparedness and common sense can help prevent many of these problems and make your winter a lot safer.

BE PREPARED BEFORE THE STORM STRIKES

Plan your travel and check the latest weather reports to avoid the storm! Have your vehicle fully checked and winterized before the winter season begins; Carry a WINTER STORM SURVIVAL KIT.

POWER LINES DOWNED

Another common winter hazard is power lines being downed due to ice storms or high winds. Wires should always be considered LIVE AND DANGEROUS and must be avoided. Never try and move a branch touching a power line. Please notify the police department and electric company immediately.

The Greenwich Police Department has one hundred fifty five sworn officers,
serving a community of 61,000, within approximately 67.2 square miles.

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