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Exercise Caution Around Water

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In light of the recent tragedies that have taken place over the past few days, the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority reminds residents of the dangers that exist in and around our waterways at this time of year.

The early onset of spring has made the waters especially treacherous, with very cold and fast moving water. Melting ice and snow have made the banks slippery and unstable. Residents are asked to stay well away from the water. Please keep your children and pets away as well.

Some important safety tips:

- Stay at least 10 feet away from the water's edge.
- Keep your pets leashed near any waterways.
- Always have an adult or friend with you when near a body of water.
- If a friend or pet falls into the water, do not attempt a rescue. You may be overcome as well. Call 911 immediately.

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