



**News Release**

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## **Residents Advised to be Cautious around the Battle River as Ice and Snow Melt and Water Levels Rise**

*(April 2, 2019 – Ponoka, Alberta)* – With the arrival of warmer temperatures, residents are reminded to be cautious around the Battle River as the snow and ice melt away and water levels rise accordingly.

Please keep children and pets off of the river ice at all times, and please keep dogs on a leash.

Regardless of how thick a patch of river ice may look, due to constantly flowing water beneath the ice surface, there are weak spots that can quickly give way, sending you, your loved one or pet through the ice without warning.

If your pet does fall through the ice, please keep in mind that calling for help is the best option rather than venturing onto the ice yourself. Please stay safe and enjoy the warm weather!

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