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**Cataraqui Region
Conservation Authority**

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CRCA UPDATES WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY

KINGSTON ON – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has updated the current Water Safety Statement.

Despite recent cold temperatures, poor ice conditions remain. The CRCA continues to urge residents to exercise caution around lakes and stream, to stay off the ice (streams and lakes), and away from cold, deep, fast flowing watercourses and dams.

CRCA staff will continue to monitor conditions and forecasts, and update our messaging to suit.

This statement is valid until: Friday March 24, 2017

Newsrooms please note:

A watershed conditions statement is **NOT** a flood warning. Its purpose is to raise public awareness about a change or potential change in watershed conditions. See below for watershed conditions terminology:

Watershed Conditions Statement: general notice of weather conditions that could pose a risk to personal safety or which have the potential to lead to flooding. There are two variations of these:

- Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety: High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.
- Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook: Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.

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