



Don't put your life on the line

Tips for safe freshwater fishing

Know what to do in case of emergency

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BE SAFE

- Be careful what you wear in boats – don't risk your life by wearing waders in boats. Wear a life jacket, especially if you can't swim or in changing weather conditions
- Plan ahead – tell someone where you are going and when you will be back
- Fish with a mate or two- It makes good sense in case of an emergency or injury
- Be careful in boats, especially on alpine impoundments – don't overload your boat and keep a good lookout for rocks, submerged trees and changing weather conditions

BE PREPARED

- Check the weather before setting out – what will it be like later in the day?
- Take a communication device. Mobile phones may not work in remote areas, so consider an emergency beacon.
- Don't get lost – know how to read a map and take a GPS
- Don't enter private property or take guns and dogs without permission.
- Don't light fires except in approved fireplaces.

SURVIVE

- Watch out for snakes
- Know how to treat an injury and even save a life – learn and take a first aid course
- Drive carefully - take it easy on the country roads and watch out for animals.
- Don't go off road beyond your driving skills and the capabilities of your vehicle.
- Don't fish in electrical storms - put your rods down, get out of the water and stay away from any high ground.



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