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**EMERCOM of Russia informs about the danger of spring ice**



The strength of ice on the country's water bodies weakens with the arrival of spring. For this reason, 16 ice crossings have already been closed in the regions, 1,043 ice crossings with a total length of over 21 thousand km continue to operate, and 143 winter roads are operating.

To prevent seasonal accidents in the water areas, the Russian Emergencies Ministry is holding a Safe Ice campaign, warning citizens about the danger of the spring period.

Thus, inspectors of the Center of the State Inspectorate for Small Vessels of the EMERCOM Main Office for the Khabarovsk Territory, together with local authorities and the police, regularly organize preventive raids.

The ice shell on the Amur River in places reaches a meter thickness, but its structure has become acicular, which means that it breaks down faster. For example, on the banks of the Amur in the Kirovsky district of the regional center, areas with open water have already appeared. However, so far this does not stop citizens from wanting to fish or walk on the ice. During the raids, specialists talk with fish and vacationers, explaining to them the rules of behavior in the frozen waters.

Also, during the patrols of reservoirs, inspectors of the State Inspection of Measures of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Russia continue to identify unauthorized places of mass emergence of citizens on the ice. For example, last winter, 39 unregistered ice crossings were identified, the use of which was associated with an unreasonable risk for citizens.

Specialists pay special attention to children's safety, preventing minors from finding themselves in dangerous areas of frozen water bodies. At the same time, children are often unaccompanied by adults and do not realize the danger. Thus, the inspectors of the Center of the State Inspectorate for Small Vessels of the EMERCOM of Russia went to the Vologda River together with the Commissioner for the Rights of the Child and representatives of the Council of Fathers of the Vologda Region.

EMERCOM of Russia calls on citizens to be careful. Ice quickly loses strength in spring. The most dangerous in water areas are places near bushes and reeds. Algae frozen into the ice also makes its structure looser. As a rule, ice is thinner under thick snow and near the coastline.

In case of an accident, immediately report by phone "101" or "112".

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