



Short Safety Subject

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Safety Angles for Anglers

Summer fishing is in full swing. To help you land the big catch of the day, consider these safety tips.

All fishermen should know how to swim, know how to give first aid, and remember to carry a first-aid kit with you when on fishing trips.

Fishing enthusiasts should listen to weather forecasts before leaving on a fishing trip. This will ensure that you are better prepared if the weather should suddenly change.

Fishhooks can catch anglers as well as fish, so carry needle nose pliers, wire cutters, and a pocketknife in your tackle box. Always keep fishhooks in covered containers.

When casting, make certain there is room to cast without hooking someone else. Always look before casting and use an overhead cast while in a boat with others.

If you choose to go fishing on your own, leave word where you'll be and when you plan to return. It is always safer to fish with a partner. If a mishap occurs, then your partner can go for help.

Never go fishing in water where there are swimmers, water skiers, and skin and scuba divers.

Along the shore, wade cautiously to avoid slipping on hidden rocks or stepping unexpectedly into deep water.

Learn to hold a fish properly while extracting the hook. Many species of fish have sharp teeth or fins that can cause painful hand wounds.

If you snag yourself deeply with a hook, cut off the line, bandage the wound, and go immediately to the nearest doctor or hospital.

Do not consume alcohol or take other drugs.