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**PSA: BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU WARNING**  
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THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU OF WEST MICHIGAN IS WARNING RESIDENTS TO WATCH THEIR CHECKING ACCOUNTS FOR UNAUTHORIZED TRANSACTIONS. SEVERAL COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED REGARDING ELECTRONIC CHECKS BEING SENT TO GLOBAL BEST CONSULTING, INC. THIS IS A SCAM COMPANY THAT DOES NOT EXIST. IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF SUCH A FRAUD NOTIFY THE BBB AT 616-774-8236 OR E-MAIL TO [INFO@WESTERNMICHIGAN.BBB.ORG](mailto:INFO@WESTERNMICHIGAN.BBB.ORG).

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**PSA: BIBLE LEAGUE**  
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THE BIBLE LEAGUE IS STEPPING UP ITS EFFORTS TO GET THE WORD OF GOD INTO REMOTE AREAS OF AFRICA. THROUGH ITS "PROJECT PHILIP" THE BIBLE LEAGUE IS WORKING WITH NATIONAL PASTORS TO ORGANIZE BIBLE STUDIES USING BIBLES AND STUDY MATERIALS IN TRIBAL LANGUAGES. THE BIBLE LEAGUE IS COMPETING WITH CULTS WHO ARE WORKING HARD TO DECEIVE THE PEOPLE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP GET THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD TO THESE PEOPLE GO ONLINE AT [BIBLELEAGUE.ORG](http://BIBLELEAGUE.ORG) OR CALL (405) 205-8384.

### Reminder: temporary pause to SOS services begins today

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### Reminder: temporary pause to SOS services begins today

**Services will resume March 16 after major system upgrade**

~~As announced earlier this week~~, a long-planned major upgrade to Secretary of State technology begins today, meaning a temporary suspension of services including the branch appointment system, public call center, online services and self-service stations. These services will <sup>close</sup> pause beginning 5 p.m. <sup>now</sup> today until 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 16. Branch offices will also be closed to the public on Friday, March 12 ~~and Monday, March 15.~~ *until Tues.*

The Michigan Voter Information Center, [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote), will not be impacted and online voter registration and other services will continue to be available.

The upgrade will securely combine tens of millions of driver and vehicle records into one integrated customer record system and move the department forward from decades-old technology. Starting March 16, the upgrade will enable new online services for customers and expand the capability of self-service stations to include many driver's license and state ID transactions.

Information and answers to frequently asked questions will remain available on the Department of State website at [Michigan.gov/SOS](http://Michigan.gov/SOS).

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enjoy, you need to be aware of potentially lifesaving tips and tools.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has a list of ice safety tips that apply to everyone that goes out onto frozen bodies of water:

Things to consider before you go out:

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- Ice conditions vary from lake to lake.
- Find a good local source - a bait shop or fishing guide - that is knowledgeable about ice conditions on the lake you want to fish on.
- Purchase a pair of ice picks or ice claws, which are available at most sporting goods stores.
- Tell a responsible adult where you are going and what time to expect you back. Relaying your plan can help save your life if something does happen to you on the ice.

What to know about ice:

- You can't always tell the strength of ice simply by its look, its thickness, the temperature or whether or not it is covered with snow.
- Clear ice that has a bluish tint is the strongest. Ice formed by melted and refrozen snow appears milky, and is very porous and weak.
- Ice covered by snow always should be presumed unsafe. Snow acts like an insulating blanket and slows the freezing process. Ice under the snow will be thinner and weaker. A snowfall also can warm up and melt existing ice.
- If there is slush on the ice, stay off. Slush ice is only about half as strong as clear ice and indicates the ice is no longer freezing from the bottom.
- Be especially cautious in areas where air temperatures have fluctuated. A warm spell may take several days to weaken the ice; however, when temperatures vary widely, causing the ice to thaw during the day and refreeze at night, the result is a weak, "spongy" or honeycombed ice that is unsafe.
- The DNR does not recommend the standard "inch-thickness" guide used by many anglers and snowmobilers to determine ice safety. A minimum of four inches of clear ice is required to support an average person's weight on the ice, but since ice seldom forms at a uniform rate it is important to check ice thickness with a spud and ruler every few steps.

## Venturing out on the ice:

- The DNR does not recommend taking a car or truck out onto the ice at any time.
- If you are walking out onto a frozen body of water with a group, avoid crossing ice in a single file.
- Never venture out alone without telling a responsible adult on shore your plans.
- Test ice thickness with an ice spud before you settle on a spot.
- If you are with a group, avoid standing together in a spot. Spread out.
- Wear a life jacket and bright colored clothing.
- Take a cell phone for emergency use.
- Look for large cracks or depressions in the ice and avoid those areas.
- Remember ice does not form with uniform thickness on any body of water. Underwater springs and currents can wear thin spots on the ice.

## If you fall through:

- Try to remain calm.
- Don't remove your winter clothing. Heavy clothes won't drag you down, but instead can trap air to provide warmth and flotation. This is especially true with a snowmobile suit.
- Turn in the water toward the direction you came from - that is probably the strongest ice.
- If you have them, dig the points of the ice picks into the ice and while vigorously kicking your feet, pull yourself onto the surface by sliding forward on the ice.
- Roll away from the area of weak ice. Rolling on the ice will distribute your weight to help avoid breaking through again.
- Get to shelter, heat, dry clothing and warm, non-alcoholic and non-caffeinated drinks.
- Call 911 and seek medical attention if you feel disoriented, have uncontrollable shivering, or have any other ill effects that may be symptoms of hypothermia (the life-threatening drop in the body's core temperature).

When ice fishermen prepare to head out, they usually go through a mental checklist of what they need, but many focus on fishing equipment and do not think of safety equipment. There are some simple tools to add to the checklist.

1. Ice cleats or creepers. Ice cleats or creepers attach to boots and consist of adjustable straps or rubber overshoes with metal teeth or spikes that provide additional traction on

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**PSA: CAREGIVERS  
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IF YOU'RE A CAREGIVER FOR SOMEONE LIKE AN ELDERLY PARENT OR A DISABLED CHILD OR ADULT, EXPERTS SAY DON'T FORGET TO CARE FOR YOURSELF TO AVOID BURNOUT. THEY SUGGEST SEVERAL THINGS: FIRST, SEE A DOCTOR. 70% OF CAREGIVERS NEVER SEE A DOCTOR. SECOND, DO SOMETHING CREATIVE LIKE WOOD-WORKING, CRAFTS, MUSIC, PAINTING OR WRITING POETRY. THIRD, DO SOMETHING PHYSICAL. TAKE A WALK EVEN IF ITS ONLY WALKING INSIDE YOUR HOUSE. FOURTH, FIND A SUPPORT GROUP. ISOLATION CAN BE CRIPPLING AND FINALLY, CALL A TRUSTED FRIEND AND TALK THINGS OVER WHEN YOU'RE STRUGGLING.

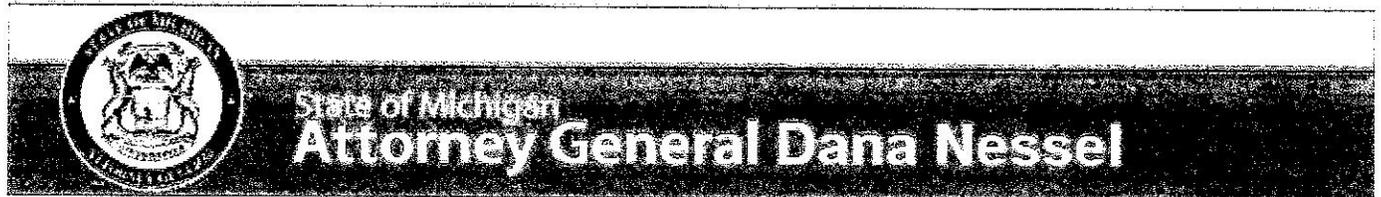
### Attorney General Nessel Warns Consumers of New Credit Card Scam

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## Attorney General Nessel Warns Consumers of New Credit Card Scam

**LANSING** – Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel is warning consumers of a new scam that's been reported by ~~at least one resident~~ to the Department's Consumer Protection team. The complainant reportedly received a call from a scammer who insisted that a new Michigan law has passed which dissolves credit card debt as long as the credit card number, expiration date, security code and ZIP code are provided. Nessel is urging anyone who gets this call to immediately hang up as it is yet another attempt to cheat people out of their personal information and hard-earned money.

"Scammers are relentless and will try anything they can to steal your credit card information," said Nessel. "Especially with tax season approaching, I cannot stress enough how important it is that we all stay hyper-vigilant when it comes to protecting ourselves. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Nessel encourages Michiganders to visit the Consumer Protection page on the Department's website to get familiar with steps everyone can take to better protect themselves. Regardless of the type of scam, bad actors tend to use the same approach. Michiganders should always watch for one or more of the following signs:

*to report scams go to the Atty General's website or call:*