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**Make the most of the last long weekend of the summer, but do it safely  
OPG, OPP Have A Simple Water Safety Message: Stay Clear, Stay Safe**

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have a simple water safety message for this long weekend – be prepared and Stay Clear, Stay Safe.

"Ontario's waterways are a great place to enjoy the holiday weekend ... if you are prepared! The OPP would like to remind those on and around the water to include safety in their activities. Wear your personal floatation device, particularly in smaller boats, and don't mix your boating with alcohol. It's important for adults to keep a close eye on children as well as knowing their own swimming abilities and staying within them," says OPP Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey, who is responsible for Traffic Safety and Operational Support.

"These safety principles need to be applied anytime you go near water and we urge people to stay away from the areas around hydroelectric dams and stations," said John Murphy, OPG's Executive Vice President Hydro.

The water near hydroelectric stations and dams can be dangerous as flows and levels change in response to demand for electricity. Fencing, booms, buoys and signs all warn people to stay clear.

OPG lands are private property and people can face charges if they trespass. Earlier this summer OPP officers were called to one OPG location because a group of fisherman were putting themselves at risk and interfering with the operation of the facility.

Visit [www.opg.com/watersafety](http://www.opg.com/watersafety) to view the OPG's public service announcements, and learn more about water safety.

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