

Oil Spill - Safety Messages

Personal Safety (If areas are affected by oil)

Avoid entering areas where oil can be seen or smelled. If you see or smell oil:

- Leave the area right away.
- Avoid direct skin contact with oil, oil-contaminated water and sediments.
- Do not swim or ski in areas affected by the oil spill, and if you travel through the area by boat, take precautions when hoisting the boat anchor. If you get oil on your skin, wash it off immediately with soap and water.
- Do not fish in the oil spill-affected waters.
- Do not harvest and eat dead fish, fish with oily residue or fish that have a petroleum odor.
- Do not drive your boat through slicks or sheens.
- Young children, pregnant women, people with compromised immune systems, and individuals with underlying respiratory conditions should avoid the area.
- Restrict pets from entering oil-contaminated areas.

Boating

Boats should keep a safe distance from any booms that may be deployed.

Booms are large floating barriers that help contain floating oil.

Boat owners are urged to dry-dock boats, should Bay County experience effects of the spill.