

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HOOK A **TURTLE**

Manitoba's turtles are in decline
and need all the help they can get!

IF YOU HAVE HOOKED A TURTLE WHILE ANGLING:

- 1** Reel it in slowly and gently to prevent the hook from digging in deeper.
- 2** Never cut your line. A hook left embedded in a turtle can lead to its death.
- 3** Use a net or grab the back of the turtle's shell to lift it out of the water. To prevent further injury, don't lift the turtle by the fishing line or tail.
- 4** Be cautious as turtles may bite or scratch to protect themselves. Use extra caution with Snapping Turtles as they have long necks and powerful bites.
- 5** If the hook is difficult to remove, caught in its mouth, or is swallowed, medical care is required.



Report it to:



Call the Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre
204.878.3740

They will provide medical care at no
charge and have volunteers to assist with
transportation from anywhere in Manitoba.

For more information:
HelpTheTurtles.ca or
CanadianHerpetology.ca



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