

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

Ontario'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 and Spiny Softshell 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 Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre
705.741.5000

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

For more information:
HelpTheTurtles.ca or
CanadianHerpetology.ca

