

# PAR-Q & YOU

(A Questionnaire for People Aged 15 to 69)

Regular physical activity is fun and healthy, and increasingly more people are starting to become more active every day. Being more active is very safe for most people. However, some people should check with their doctor before they start becoming much more physically active.

If you are planning to become much more physically active than you are now, start by answering the seven questions in the box below. If you are between the ages of 15 and 69, the PAR-Q will tell you if you should check with your doctor before you start. If you are over 69 years of age, and you are not used to being very active, check with your doctor.

Common sense is your best guide when you answer these questions. Please read the questions carefully and answer each one honestly: check YES or NO.

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. <b>Has your doctor ever said that you have a heart condition <u>and</u> that you should only do physical activity recommended by a doctor?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. <b>Do you feel pain in your chest when you do physical activity?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. <b>In the past month, have you had chest pain when you were not doing physical activity?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. <b>Do you lose your balance because of dizziness or do you ever lose consciousness?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. <b>Do you have a bone or joint problem (for example, back, knee or hip) that could be made worse by a change in your physical activity?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. <b>Is your doctor currently prescribing drugs (for example, water pills) for your blood pressure or heart condition?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. <b>Do you know of <u>any other reason</u> why you should not do physical activity?</b>

If  
you  
answered

## YES to one or more questions

Talk with your doctor by phone or in person BEFORE you start becoming much more physically active or BEFORE you have a fitness appraisal. Tell your doctor about the PAR-Q and which questions you answered YES.

- You may be able to do any activity you want — as long as you start slowly and build up gradually. Or, you may need to restrict your activities to those which are safe for you. Talk with your doctor about the kinds of activities you wish to participate in and follow his/her advice.
- Find out which community programs are safe and helpful for you.

## NO to all questions

If you answered NO honestly to all PAR-Q questions, you can be reasonably sure that you can:

- start becoming much more physically active — begin slowly and build up gradually. This is the safest and easiest way to go.
- take part in a fitness appraisal — this is an excellent way to determine your basic fitness so that you can plan the best way for you to live actively. It is also highly recommended that you have your blood pressure evaluated. If your reading is over 144/94, talk with your doctor before you start becoming much more physically active.

### DELAY BECOMING MUCH MORE ACTIVE:

- if you are not feeling well because of a temporary illness such as a cold or a fever — wait until you feel better; or
- if you are or may be pregnant — talk to your doctor before you start becoming more active.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your health changes so that you then answer YES to any of the above questions, tell your fitness or health professional. Ask whether you should change your physical activity plan.

**Informed Use of the PAR-Q:** The Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology, Health Canada, and their agents assume no liability for persons who undertake physical activity, and if in doubt after completing this questionnaire, consult your doctor prior to physical activity.

**No changes permitted. You are encouraged to photocopy the PAR-Q but only if you use the entire form.**

NOTE: If the PAR-Q is being given to a person before he or she participates in a physical activity program or a fitness appraisal, this section may be used for legal or administrative purposes.

"I have read, understood and completed this questionnaire. Any questions I had were answered to my full satisfaction."

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_

or GUARDIAN (for participants under the age of majority)

**Note: This physical activity clearance is valid for a maximum of 12 months from the date it is completed and becomes invalid if your condition changes so that you would answer YES to any of the seven questions.**



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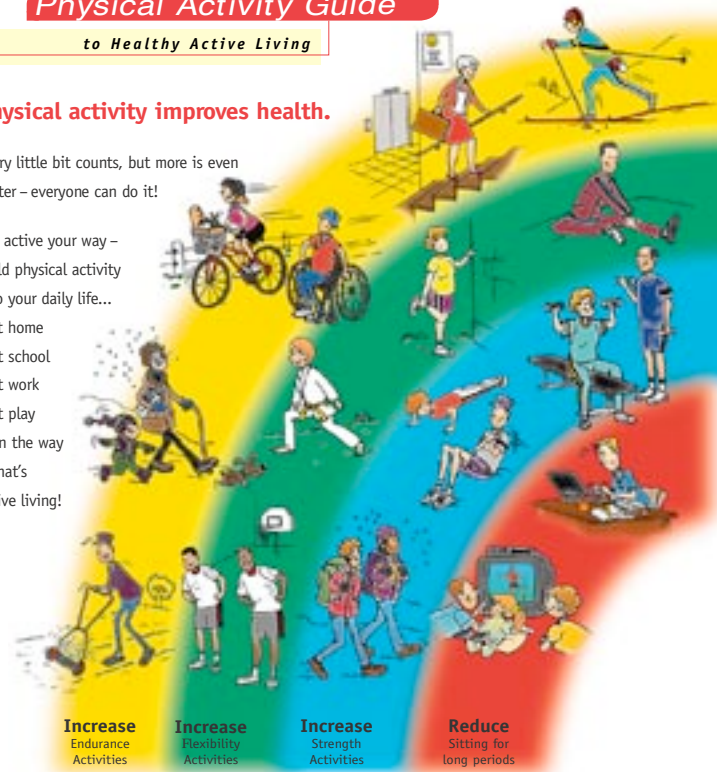
CANADA'S  
**Physical Activity Guide**  
to Healthy Active Living

## Physical activity improves health.

Every little bit counts, but more is even better – everyone can do it!

Get active your way – build physical activity into your daily life...

- at home
  - at school
  - at work
  - at play
  - on the way
- ...that's active living!



Choose a variety of activities from these three groups:

**Endurance**  
4-7 days a week  
Continuous activities for your heart, lungs and circulatory system.

**Flexibility**  
4-7 days a week  
Gentle reaching, bending and stretching activities to keep your muscles relaxed and joints mobile.

**Strength**  
2-4 days a week  
Activities against resistance to strengthen muscles and bones and improve posture.

Starting slowly is very safe for most people. Not sure? Consult your health professional.

For a copy of the *Guide Handbook* and more information: **1-888-334-9769**, or [www.paguide.com](http://www.paguide.com)

Eating well is also important. Follow *Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating* to make wise food choices.

## Get Active Your Way, Every Day – For Life!

Scientists say accumulate 60 minutes of physical activity every day to stay healthy or improve your health. As you progress to moderate activities you can cut down to 30 minutes, 4 days a week. Add-up your activities in periods of at least 10 minutes each. Start slowly... and build up.

Time needed depends on effort				
Very Light Effort	Light Effort	Moderate Effort	Vigorous Effort	Maximum Effort
60 minutes	30-60 minutes	20-30 minutes	20-30 minutes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strolling</li> <li>• Dusting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light walking</li> <li>• Volleyball</li> <li>• Easy gardening</li> <li>• Stretching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brisk walking</li> <li>• Biking</li> <li>• Raking leaves</li> <li>• Swimming</li> <li>• Dancing</li> <li>• Water aerobics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aerobics</li> <li>• Jogging</li> <li>• Hockey</li> <li>• Basketball</li> <li>• Fast swimming</li> <li>• Fast dancing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sprinting</li> <li>• Racing</li> </ul>
Range needed to stay healthy				

## You Can Do It – Getting started is easier than you think

Physical activity doesn't have to be very hard. Build physical activities into your daily routine.

- Walk whenever you can – get off the bus early, use the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Reduce inactivity for long periods, like watching TV.
- Get up from the couch and stretch and bend for a few minutes every hour.
- Play actively with your kids.
- Choose to walk, wheel or cycle for short trips.
- Start with a 10 minute walk – gradually increase the time.
- Find out about walking and cycling paths nearby and use them.
- Observe a physical activity class to see if you want to try it.
- Try one class to start – you don't have to make a long-term commitment.
- Do the activities you are doing now, more often.

Benefits of regular activity:	Health risks of inactivity:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• better health</li> <li>• improved fitness</li> <li>• better posture and balance</li> <li>• better self-esteem</li> <li>• weight control</li> <li>• stronger muscles and bones</li> <li>• feeling more energetic</li> <li>• relaxation and reduced stress</li> <li>• continued independent living in later life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• premature death</li> <li>• heart disease</li> <li>• obesity</li> <li>• high blood pressure</li> <li>• adult-onset diabetes</li> <li>• osteoporosis</li> <li>• stroke</li> <li>• depression</li> <li>• colon cancer</li> </ul>

Source: Canada's Physical Activity Guide to Healthy Active Living, Health Canada, 1998 <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hppb/paguide/pdf/guideEng.pdf>

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### FITNESS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE INFORMATION BELOW:

The following companion forms are available for doctors' use by contacting the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology (address below):

The **Physical Activity Readiness Medical Examination (PARmed-X)** – to be used by doctors with people who answer YES to one or more questions on the PAR-Q.

The **Physical Activity Readiness Medical Examination for Pregnancy (PARmed-X for Pregnancy)** – to be used by doctors with pregnant patients who wish to become more active.

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For more information, please contact the:

Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology  
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Ottawa, ON K2P 0J2  
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Online: [www.csep.ca](http://www.csep.ca)

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# Actin Fitness Client Health History

## Client Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Phone		
Date of Birth (M/D/Y)		

## Existing Medical Conditions - Please check the appropriate conditions

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes        | <input type="checkbox"/> Ulcer        | <input type="checkbox"/> High Cholesterol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Anaemia          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Problems  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy        | <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hernia          | <input type="checkbox"/> Obesity      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other            |

If you checked other then please explain:

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## Injuries - Do you have pain or have you injured the following areas within the past 2 years

- |                                       |                                     |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neck         | <input type="checkbox"/> Elbow R/L  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hip R/L   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder R/L | <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Back | <input type="checkbox"/> Knee R/L  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Back   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrist R/L  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ankle R/L |

## Current Activity

What types of activity do you enjoy doing in your regular life (example: walking, gardening)

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## Terms and Conditions

### **Informed Consent, Waiver of Liability, and Photo Release**

Actin Fitness is a fitness company that offers group fitness classes and personal training services. I understand that the fitness programs offered by Actin Fitness may involve strenuous physical activity including, muscle strength training, cardiovascular conditioning, endurance training, along with other types fitness activities and brain puzzles. I hereby affirm that I am in good physical condition and do not suffer from any known disability or condition which would prevent or limit my participation. I acknowledge that my enrollment and participation in classes or personal training services provided by Actin Fitness is purely voluntary. I fully understand that I may injure myself as a result of my enrollment and subsequent participation in personal training or group exercise classes provided by Actin Fitness. The conditions and injuries I may develop include heart attacks, muscle strains, muscle pulls, muscle tears, broken bones, shin splints, heat prostration, injuries to knees, injuries to the back, injuries to the feet and other illness, soreness, including death.

In consideration of my participation in services provided by Actin Fitness I hereby release Actin Fitness, and its trainers, employees, agents, owners, as well as the owners, staff and operators of any facilities used by Actin Fitness from any claims, demands and causes of action they may have for loss, damage, injury, including death, and expenses, including any claim based on negligence and breach of contract, as a result of my voluntary participation and enrollment in any and all services provided by Actin Fitness. I fully agree to indemnify and hold harmless Actin Fitness from any claims for loss, damage, injury or expense associated with my participation in any or all services provided by Actin Fitness. I acknowledge and agree that the forgoing is binding upon my personal representatives, heirs, and assigns.

I understand that I may not run my own Actin Fitness MIND FIT class or train clients using Actin Fitness' MIND FIT method. I understand that I cannot divulge program information within 3 years after signing this document and/or attending a program provided by Actin Fitness.

In connection with my participation in any and all services provided by Actin Fitness ( example: Health & Fitness Classes, Programs, Personal Programs) I consent to the use of my photograph or other likeness in the promotional and other materials Actin Fitness without payment or other consideration made to me. I declare I am 19 years of age or older and have read and understood the terms of this release and

waiver. I understand that there is a no refund policy, in respect to my enrollment in any and all services provided by Actin Fitness

I have read, and I agree to the terms and conditions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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