



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:

ANSWER EACH QUESTION **YES** OR **NO**

1. Has your doctor ever said that you have a heart condition and that you should only do physical activity recommended by a doctor?
2. Do you feel pain in your chest when you do physical activity?
3. In the past month, have you had chest pain when you were not doing physical activity?
4. Do you lose your balance because of dizziness or do you ever lose consciousness?
5. Do you have a bone or joint problem that could be made worse by a change in your physical activity?
6. Is your doctor currently prescribing drugs (for example, water pills) for your blood pressure or heart condition?
7. Do you know of any other reason why you should not do physical activity?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ONE OR MORE QUESTIONS	Talk with your doctor BEFORE you start becoming much more physically active or BEFORE you have a fitness appraisal. Tell your doctor which questions you answered YES to on the PAR-Q.	
IF YOU ANSWERED NO TO ONE OR MORE QUESTIONS	If you answered NO honestly to all PAR-Q questions, you can be reasonably sure that you can: Start becoming more physically active. Be sure to start slowly and progress gradually. This is the safest and easiest way to go. Take part in a fitness appraisal -- this is an excellent way to determine <i>your</i> basic fitness so that you can plan the best way for YOU to live actively.	
DELAY BECOMING MUCH MORE ACTIVE If you are not feeling well because of temporary illness, 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 exercise plan.	

Informed Use of the PAR-Q: *Fit, 50 & Fabulous* and its agents assume no liability for persons who undertake physical activity - if in doubt after completing this questionnaire, consult your doctor prior to physical activity.

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