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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 more physically active.

If you are planning to become much more physically active than you are now, start by answering the questions below. If you are between 15-69 years of age, the questionnaire 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**

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

If you answered **YES** to one or more of these questions: Talk with your doctor by phone or in person **BEFORE** you start becoming more physically active or **BEFORE** you have a fitness appraisal. Tell your doctor about the questionnaire 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.

If you answered **NO** honestly to all the questions, you can be reasonably sure that you can:

- Start becoming 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.

Delay becoming much more active:

- If you are not feeling well because of a temporary illness such as a cold or 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.

Signature

Date