

Physical activity recommendations for Pregnant Women and for women after childbirth

Physical activity for pregnant women



Helps to control weight gain



Helps reduce high blood pressure problems



Helps to prevent diabetes of pregnancy



Improves fitness



Improves sleep



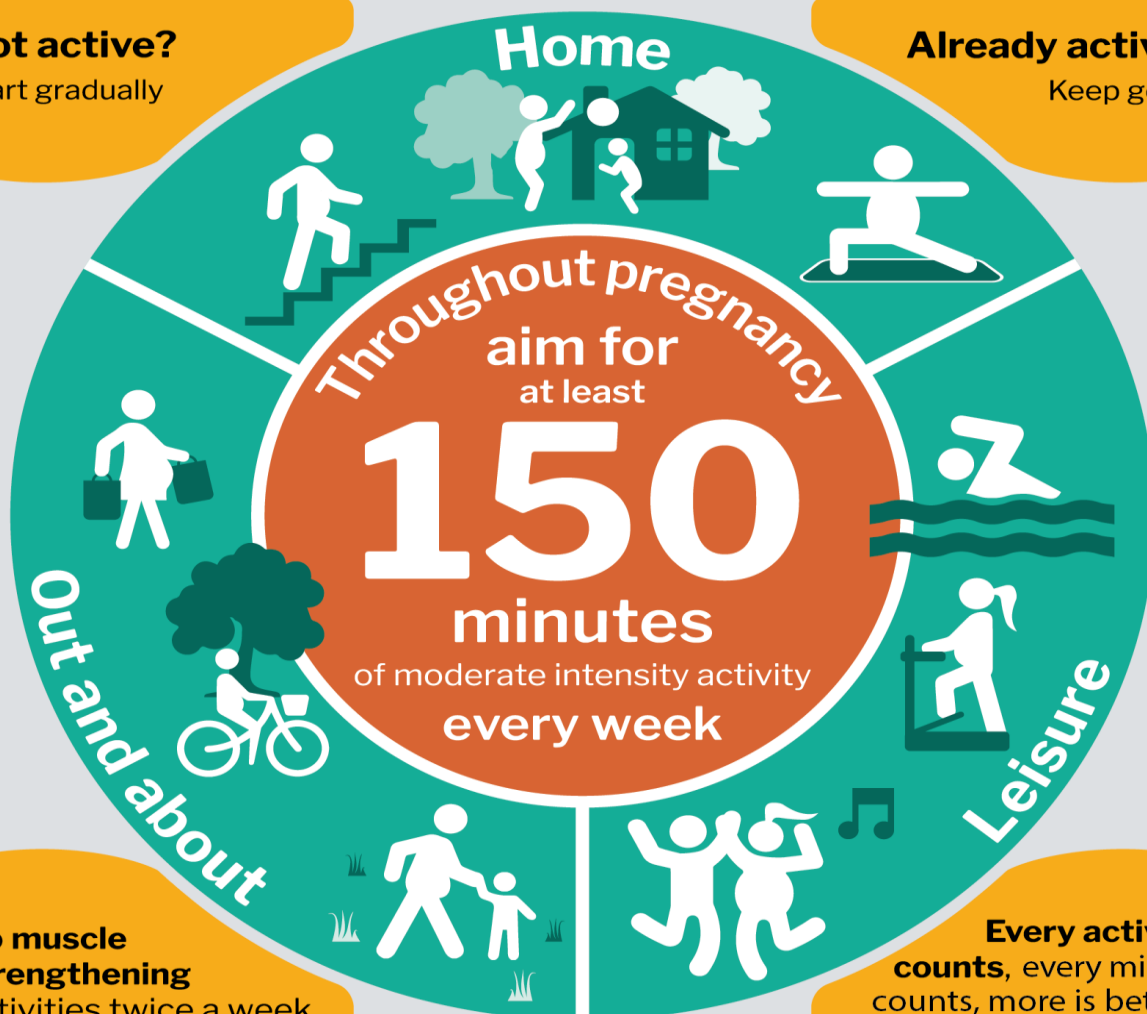
Improves mood

Not active?

Start gradually

Already active?

Keep going



Do **muscle strengthening** activities twice a week

Every activity counts, every minute counts, more is better

No evidence of harm

Listen to your body and adapt



Don't bump the bump

Physical activity for women after childbirth (birth to 12 months)



Time for yourself - reduces worries and depression



Helps to control weight and return to pre-pregnancy weight



Improves tummy muscle tone and strength



Improves fitness



Improves mood



Improves sleep

Not active?
Start gradually

Active before?
Restart gradually



Start **pelvic floor exercises** as soon as you can and continue daily

Build back up to **muscle strengthening** activities twice a week

It's safe to be active. No evidence of harm for post partum women

Depending on your delivery listen to your body and start gently



You can be active while breastfeeding

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