

Pelvic Floor Screening Tool



Did you know that bladder and bowel control problems are a common issue, affecting over 3.5 million Canadians as of 2014? Did you know that women are at a higher risk of these problems because of pregnancy, childbirth, and menopause—and that certain exercises can cause or worsen these problems?

This survey has been designed to see if you are at risk of pelvic floor problems, and if so, to make sure your exercise program is *pelvic floor safe*. The survey will take 5 minutes to complete and your answers will be confidential.

About you...	Yes	No
Are you currently pregnant?		
Have you recently (or ever) had a baby?		
Are you going through or have been through menopause?		
Have you ever undergone gynaecological surgery (e.g. hysterectomy?)		
Are you an elite athlete (e.g. runner, gymnast, trampolinist?)		
Do you have a history of lower back pain?		
Have you ever injured your pelvic region (e.g. through a fall or pelvic radiotherapy?)		
Do you suffer from constipation or regularly strain on the toilet?		
Do you have a chronic cough or sneeze (e.g. because of asthma, smoking, hayfever)?		
Are you overweight, obese, or have a BMI over 25?		
Do you frequently lift heavy weights (e.g. at work or at the gym)?		

Do you...	Yes	No
Accidentally leak urine when you exercise, play sport, laugh, cough, or sneeze?		
Need to get to the toilet in a hurry—or not make it there in time?		
Constantly need to go to the toilet?		
Find it difficult to empty your bladder or bowel?		
Accidentally lose control of your bowel—or accidentally pass wind?		
Have a prolapse (e.g. a bulge or feeling of heaviness, discomfort, pulling, dragging, or dropping in the vagina)?		
Suffer from pelvic pain or experience pain during or after intercourse.		

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions it is important to discuss a *pelvic floor safe* exercise program with your exercise professional. If you experience any of the symptoms outlined in the second part of the survey, it is also important to speak to your doctor or a continence professional—as many of these symptoms can be treated, and in many cases cured.