# \* BABY STEPS

### **Exercise for Two**

Exercise can make you feel better, help you sleep, and it can even prepare you for your baby's birth. Try to exercise most days of the week for 30 minutes.

### Find an exercise buddy and GO:

- Walking
- Swimming
- Stationary (exercise) biking

## Avoid activities where you might fall or get bumped.

These include:

- Step aerobics
- Skating or rollerblading
- Basketball or soccer
- Skiing

#### Here are some exercise tips:

- Go for a walk with a friend. It's more fun to exercise with someone else. Take a walk in the mall or in a park.
- Take a prenatal exercise class.
- Get off the bus or train one stop early and walk the rest of the way.
- Take the time to warm up and cool down properly.
- Keep your cool. Wear cool, airy clothes and do not exercise in hot weather.
- Don't forget to drink water.

### Take care of yourself

- Don't overdo it. You should be able to talk while you exercise. If you cannot talk, you need to slow down.
- Stop if you feel sick or dizzy, or if it hurts.



Exercise is great for most pregnant women.
But, check with your doctor or midwife before you start.



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