

Regular physical activity helps to regulate blood glucose and increase insulin sensitivity. The more muscles that are used during exercise, the greater will be the benefits. This makes urban poling one of the best forms of fitness, as it uses 90% of the muscles and has the potential to burn up to 46% more calories, while providing both cardiovascular and strength training. Research shows that an activity such as urban poling has the potential to slow the progression of type 2 diabetes and even prevent onset all together. Urban poling may also be a great option for pregnant and breastfeeding women, as it is a safe mode of exercise which may reduce the risk of developing gestational diabetes.

We are proud to be supporting the Canadian Diabetes Association through the Blue Circle Program. We are also proud to be supporting the National Aboriginal Diabetes Association.

Research Benefits

Walking poles offer proven beneficial effects on general key health parameters, including:

- Supports healthy weight management
- Reduced abdominal obesity
- Facilitates blood glucose control
- Promotes cardiovascular health

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“For many years I struggled to find time and motivation to become more active, even though overall I was healthy. In my 50’s I was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. Despite the 2 diagnosis, I now find myself for the first time enjoying regular physical activity! How? Urban poling! Managing my weight and blood glucose is now enjoyable! Over the summer we participated in the 5km Toronto Challenge Walk – something I could not have ever imagined doing without our poles!”
 Elizabeth, Toronto



Urban Poles designed for fitness, burn up to 46% more calories

“I have type 2 diabetes, and have found it very difficult to lose weight, and to control my blood sugar levels. Now I am finally having some success. My blood sugar levels are not completely under control, but getting there. I have lost 9 pounds, and am definitely noticing the lost inches in my clothing. Purchasing the Urban Poles is one of the best decisions I have made recently. I used to really dislike walking, but using the poles have added a whole new dimension to walking, and a very strong motivation”. Janet

The unique strapless ergonomic handles effectively target your core muscles thereby increasing your caloric expenditure and at the same time reducing the load on your lower joints. This combined with a healthy diet, can help you lose weight or maintain your ideal body weight.

Please remember any physical activity will affect your blood glucose and may affect your response to medication. If you have diabetes already, please speak to your health care practitioner before starting any new activity.

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