Don't over do it

If you do too much during first 6 weeks you will feel tired later, fatigue is delayed



Keep it short at first and rest between activities =



Slow down









Slow **Fast**

Getting out of bed



Roll on vour side

Hook your foot under the bed



Driving





No driving for at least 4 weeks or longer (RTA rules). Wear a seat belt in the car.



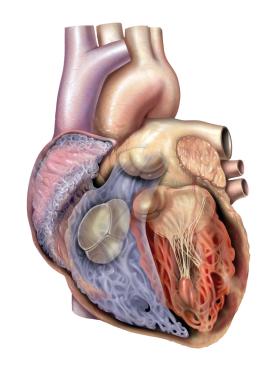
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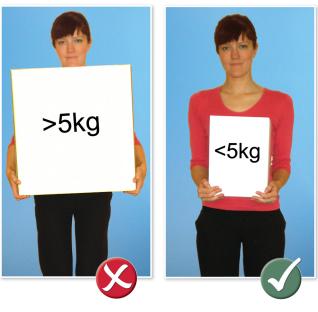
Post-Cardiac Surgery **Activity** Guidelines



Lifting: for 6 weeks



Do not lift more than 5kg with 2 hands. Keep elbows into your sides





Lifting: for 6 weeks

Do not raise one arm above shoulder height. Use 2 arms

If using 1 or 2 hands away from the body don't lift more than 2kg







Heavy pushing/pulling (Straining)

During first 6 weeks avoid moving at your shoulder against resistance





Get someone else to do it





Move it in a different way with your body