Sedentary work can increase risk of injury whether you are a computer user, cashier, or a truck driver.

Decreased movement can cause tight muscles and stiff joints, and can increase the incidence of Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and even cancer.

For substantial health benefits, adults should aim for moderate intensity physical activity of at least 150 to 300 minutes per week.

This guide is intended to help you get started with practicing healthier work habits.

**CORE STRENGTHENING**
Promote Better Posture

- Legs hip width apart
- Pull in stomach muscles
- Relax your shoulders
- Adjust head position over shoulders
- Don’t hold your breath

**DYNAMIC STANDING**
Movement is Key

- Shift body weight from one foot to another
- Weight-shift anytime at work or home
- Footwear with rubber soles is always preferred
- Move for two minutes every ½ hour

**UPPER BODY STRETCHES**

**Welcome Home**
- Arms open at less than a 90° angle
- Relax shoulders

**Self Hug**
- For a deeper stretch, walk fingers around your upper arms

**NECK STRETCHES**

**Head Rotation**
- Rotate head slowly to each side
- Keep chin level when rotating

**Side Stretch**
- Look ahead; bring ear toward your shoulder; hold for five seconds
- Bring head up slowly and repeat on other side

**BUILD A SAFE COMMUNITY**

**ERGO-TIPS:**

- Make Ergo-Friends: remind each other to take breaks & move
- Stretch to the point of comfort, not beyond
- Hold the stretches for five seconds
- Release stretches slowly
WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET HURT

In case of an injury or medical emergency, seek treatment at the nearest emergency room or urgent care facility. After appropriate first aid is applied, if further treatment is needed, visit an occupational health specialist who can provide treatment and tools to help you heal and to prevent further injury.

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