

Additional Stretches

Stretch	Photo	Instruction
Shoulder Shrug		 Stand with a neutral posture and arms by your sides. "Shrug" or lift the shoulders, bringing them closer to the ears. Roll shoulders back bringing them back to neutral position.
Neck stretch		 While standing and looking forward, bring ear to shoulder. Return you head to neutral position. Repeat on the other side.

Source: SAIF Stretch and Flex

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Rotator Cuff Stretch	 Place arm above head in the air. Bend elbow and place palm on upper back. Place opposite hand in the middle of your back. If possible, move hand closer together and grasp hands. Repeat with hands in opposite places/ other side.
Back extension stretch	 Stand with spine in a neutral posture. Place hands on lower back. Arch back to lift chest, while not tilting the head backward.
Shoulder stretch	 Stand in a neutral posture with feet shoulder width apart. Put both hands behind the back and grasp them. Straightening elbows until a stretch is felt. Keep body upright during stretch (i.e. do not bend forward).

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Reach High	 Assume a neutral posture with feet shoulder width apart. Reach your arms overhead as high as you can to stretch. Remember to spread your fingers to maximize stretch.
Wrist curl stretch	 Place arms at your sides and make loose fists. Be sure that your knuckles are facing forward. Pull wrists toward elbows. Hold stretch for a few seconds and then repeat.
Palm Press stretch	 Place palms together and hands in front of chest. Push hands together and lower them until a stretch is felt. Remember not to allow shoulders to raise. Hold stretch for a few seconds and repeat.

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Side Bending Stretch	 Stand with a neutral posture and feet shoulder width apart. Place one hand on your hip and the other above your head. Reach the overhead arm to the other side of the body. Allowing the torso to bend. Hold stretch for a few seconds and then repeat on the other side.
Side Turning Stretch	 Stand in neutral posture. Place on hand on your waist and extend the other out to your side, parallel to the ground. Reach the extended arm toward the back, while looking over your shoulder at your hand. Make sure to keep palm facing forward and thumb up. Hold stretch for a few seconds, release, and perform stretch on the opposite side
Cat Stretch	 Stand with feet shoulder width apart. Slightly bend knees, while placing your hands on your knees. Allow you back to arch and then release and round your back. Repeat stretch.

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Hamstring Variation 1: Stand up with one foot slightly in front of the other. Bend one knee, while extending the other leg so only the heel is on the floor. • Lean forward to stretch the hamstrings, while keeping a neutral spine posture. Variation 2: Sit towards the edge of the chair. • Extend one or both legs and reach toward toes, while keeping neutral spine posture. Repeat stretch on opposite side if applicable. Quad Stand with feet slightly apart and brace yourself by placing hand on chair or wall. Grasp on ankle with hand and pull it toward your back. Be sure to keep knees close together. Hold stretch for 20 seconds. Perform stretch 2 times on each side, switching sides between sets.

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Calf	 Stand up with one foot slightly in front of the other. Bend front knee back knee until stretch is felt in calf. Keep both feet fully on the ground. Hold stretch for 20 seconds. Perform stretch twice on each side, switching sides between sets.
Hands	 Spread fingers wide and hold for a few seconds. Then make fists and hold for a few seconds. Repeat a few times.
Gluteus	 While seated, cross knee over other leg. Gently pull knee toward chest and hold for 20 seconds. Perform stretch twice on each side, switching sides between sets.

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