

Office Employee Stretching Guide

Stretch	Photo	Instruction
Leg Swings		 Stand on one leg and lift other leg so hip and knee is flexed at 90 degrees. While keeping the knee bent at 90 degrees, swing leg back and forth. Complete 2 sets of 10 repetitions and then switch legs and complete with opposite leg. Remember to switch sides between sets.
Side Leg Lifts		 Begin with one leg lifted backward with knee bent at 90 degrees. Lift raised leg to the side, away from stationary leg, and then bring it back toward body in a controlled motion. Complete 2 sets of 10 repetitions and then switch legs and complete with opposite leg. Remember to switch sides between sets.
Deadlift		 Stand while keeping a neutral posture. In a smooth controlled motion and keeping a neural back, bend forward at the hips and return to standing position. Complete 2 sets of 10 repetitions.

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Lunges	 Stand with feet split front to back of the body. Slowly bend knees so that the back knee is at ankle level and come back up to standing position. It is important to keep front knee behind toes and allow hips to remain level throughout the movement. Complete 2 sets of 10 repetitions and then switch legs and complete with opposite leg. Remember to switch sides between sets.
Middle- Back Strengthe ner	 Reach arms forward so that the shoulder blades move forward and apart from each other. Then gently draw shoulder blades back toward each other. Complete 2 sets of 10 repetitions.
Hinge Rotation	 Place hand in small of back. Bend forward and hold position for 20 seconds. Then lift the chest and rotate. Complete 2 sets of 10 repetitions on both sides, remembering to switch sides between sets.

Side Neck Stretch	 Hold head with one hand. Gently pull head to that side. Hold stretch for 20 seconds. Switch sides and perform with other arm. Perform stretch twice on each side- 20 seconds each- switching sides between sets.
Mid-Back Extension s	 Stand with arms placed crossed on the chest. Lift chest up while leaning back from the mid-back Perform 2 sets of 10 repetitions.
Lat/ Arm Stretch	 Place hands against the wall while standing with legs in a split stance. Hinge forward and hold stretch for 2 seconds-twice. In order to get a deeper stretch, place elbows against the wall. Keeping the back heel on the ground will also allow you to stretch the calf.
Forearm Flexor Stretch	 Extend the arm with palm facing up while using the other arm to pull the fingers where they are pointing to the ground- extending the wrist. You can also perform the stretch with a bent elbow to stretch the one-joint flexors more effectively. Hold the stretch for twenty seconds, two times each arm. Remember to switch sides between stretches.

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Forearm Extensor Stretch		 Extend the arm with palm facing up. Use the other arm to pull the hand where the fingers are pointing to the sky. You can also perform the stretch with a bent elbow to stretch the one-joint extensors of the wrist more effectively. Hold the stretch for twenty seconds, two times each arm. Remember to switch sides between stretches.
Single Leg Deadlift		 Stand on one leg with knee bent at 90 degrees with foot to the back. Bend forward at the hips while keeping a neutral spine posture. Perform 2 sets of 10 repetitions. Switching sides between sets.