Start your Shift Stretching

Regular stretching can improve neuromuscular coordination, flexibility, and reduce pain and muscle weakness (Renan-Ordine, et al., 2011).

Complete each stretch 3-5 times a day, holding for ~15 to 45 seconds on each side. The goal is to break up the time you stay in one position by flexing certain muscles.



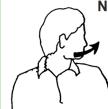
Arm reach:

Reach above your head, interlock your hands together, turn your elbows in and press up.



Neck bend:

Look straight ahead: tilt vour head, moving your ear towards your shoulder.



Neck rotation:

Look back over one shoulder for 5 seconds: repeat on other side.



Shoulders: Bring one arm across your chest and use your other hand to increase the stretch.



Upper back:

Extend arms in front, palms inward, fingers interlocked. Round upper back and drop chin to chest.



Shoulder shrug and

roll: Move shoulders up, back, down and around in a circular motion 5 times.



Chest: Place your hands on your low back and gently lift your chest up. Keep your chin level and shoulders rolled back and down.



Pelvic tilts: Shift weight to one hip and then the other so buttock is lifted slightly. Then tilt forward and

backward.



Chest:

Interlock finaers behind head. Squeeze

shoulder blades pull elbows back.



Tip: Walk! During your break, one of the best things you can do is walk around! Not only does this give your legs a good workout, but it helps contribute to improved cardiovascular health!

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