

# **Reversal of Posture Exercises**



**CHIN TUCK** Stand straight with head level. Place the web of your hand on your chin, gently pushing your head backwards. Attempt to make a "double chin."

Hold for 10 seconds.



**NECK SIDE-BEND** Place one hand on shoulder to stabilize it. Drop ear toward opposite shoulder. *Hold position for 5 seconds and repeat on opposite side.* 





### SHRUG-BREATH

Inhale, cross arms, clench fists and shrug shoulders up toward the ceiling. Exhale slowly while pushing thumbs back and squeezing shoulder blades together. *Hold at the end for 5 seconds.* 



**OVERHEAD REACH** Lift arms overhead. Slowly pull your shoulder blades down and back, as if to put your elbows into your back pockets. *Hold for 5 seconds.* 



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#### **FOREARM STRETCH 1**

Start with arm straight out at chest level, fingertips up. Use the opposite hand to grab the palm of your outstretched hand, pulling it back toward you.

Hold for 5 seconds and repeat on the opposite side.



FOREARM STRETCH 2

Start with arm straight out at chest level, fingertips down. Use opposite hand to pull your palm down.

Hold for 5 seconds and repeat on the opposite side.



#### HAMSTRING FLEXIBILITY

Place heel on floor with your toes pointing at the ceiling. Keep your head and chest up, hips back and slightly lean forward. Hold for 5 seconds and repeat for opposite leg.

## **GENERAL RULES**

- 1. If you are currently being treated for an injury, please check with your physician first.
- 2. Perform at minimum 3 times per day. Suggestion: at the beginning of the work shift, at breaks, and at the end of the shift.
- 3. Each Reversal of Posture position should be held for 5-10 seconds.
- 4. Remember to perform Reversal of Posture positions slowly.
- 5. The "holding time" is as important as the motion.



BACKWARD BEND Place both hands on your hips and lean back gently, allowing your back to arch. Hold for 10 seconds.



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