

Exercises from a sitting position

Do not overdo it. Start slowly and build the number of repetition gradually. Use a firm chair.

Neck stretches

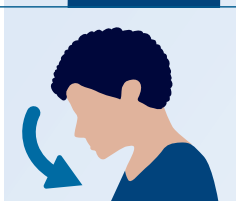
Side bends: tilt head sideways as if to touch ear to shoulder.

Right: hold 10 seconds, 10 reps
Left: hold 10 seconds, 10 reps



Chin to chest: bend chin forward to chest.

Hold 10 seconds, 10 reps



Arm raises

Raise arm up, pause at the top for 2 seconds, and bring down.

Right arm: 10 reps
Left arm: 10 reps
Both arms: 10 reps



Back stretching and strengthening

With legs apart, place hands on each side of knee.

Slide hands from knee to ankle and return to upright sitting position.

Right knee: 10 rep
Left knee: 10 reps



Seated marching

Alternate lifting knees to chest as if marching.

Right leg: 10–15 reps
Left leg: 10–15 reps



Rowing

Make sure to sit as straight as possible. Place arm straight out in front and then pull arm back with elbow next to your side.

Right arm: 10 reps
Left arm: 10 reps
Both arms: 10 reps



Ankle range of motion

Point toes up as far as possible and then down as far as possible. Rotate both feet.

Clockwise: 20 reps
Counterclockwise: 20 reps



Knee extension

Straighten knee, pause and then lower foot back to floor.

Right leg: 10–15 reps
Left leg: 10–15 reps



Small kicks

Straighten and bend knee as in a kicking motion.

Right leg: 10–15 reps
Left leg: 10–15 reps



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