

# **DRILLS FOR DESK WARRIORS**

If you spend time at your desk hunched over your work, incorporating some regular posture drills can help relieve stress, maintain alignment and stretch the muscles that support your bones.

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#### **Drill 1: Thoracic Extension**

Improves upper back mobility and improves posture.



- Place your hands behind your neck and lengthen your spine.
- Keeping your feet planted, inhale and stretch your upper back over the back of the chair.
- Exhale and return to tall sitting posture.
- Repeat 5-6 times.

### **Drill 2: Pelvic Tilt**

Increases lower back mobility, activates pelvic floor & supports lower back vertebrae.



- 10 Sit with your pelvis at the back of your chair.
- Inhale and lengthen your spine.
- Exhale, tilt your pelvis & press your waistband to chairback.
- Feel a stretch in the low back. Avoid collapse of upper back.
- Repeat 5-6 times.

#### **Drill 3: Chest Stretch**

Promotes good posture, stretches pectoral muscles to protect upper back vertebrae & improve shoulder function.



- Hold the backrest of the chair.
- Roll your shoulders down & back.
- Oraw your shoulder blades together.
- Lean forward, open the collar bones
  & stretch the front of your chest.
- Breathe deeply 5-6 times.

## **Drill 4: Hip Stretch**

Increases hip mobility & relieves lower back tension



- 🚺 Sit with L buttock off the edge of a chair.
- Send L leg back with L knee pointed down & the heel directly over the ball of the foot.
- Reach the leg back until you feel a stretch in the front of the L hip.
- Keep the low belly drawn in to avoid arching the low back.

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