

# **Stretching Exercises**

Be Gentle. Never overstretch

Breathe freely as you hold each stretch

**Don't bounce.** Use controlled, comfortable motions

**Stop** immediately if you feel any discomfort or pain









#### **Latissimus Stretch**

- Stand with your back straight and your feet shoulder-width apart. You can do this stretch sitting down if you are not steady on your feet.
- 2. Hold your arms above your head, and hold left wrist with your right hand.
- 3. Pull upward while leaning straight over toward your right side. Keep your lower body straight. You should feel the stretch along your left side.

**Hold:** 20 seconds, and then switch sides.

Don't: Slouch

#### **Extensor Forearm Stretch**

- **1.** Hold left arm straight in front of your body.
- 2. Push gently down on back of left hand with your right hand so that your left fingers are pointing towards the floor. You should feel a stretch on the top of your forearm/wrist.
- **3.** To increase stretch, try making a fist with your left hand.

**Hold:** 20 seconds, and then switch sides.

## **Flexor Forearm Stretch**

- 1. Hold left arm straight in front of your body
- 2. Push gently back on palm of left hand with your right hand so that your left fingers are pointing towards the ceiling. You should feel a stretch on the underside of your forearm and wrist.

**Hold:** 20 seconds, and then switch sides.

## **Finger Stretch**

- **1.** Spread your fingers apart as much as you can.
- **2.** You may feel a stretch in between your fingers

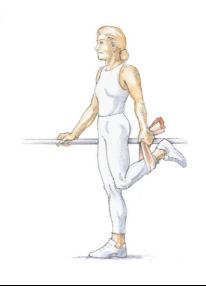
Hold: 20 seconds





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## **Hip Flexor Stretch**

- 1. Stand straight up
- 2. Place hands on hips
- Gently lean backwards, keeping your lower body straight

Hold: 20 seconds

## **Quadricep Stretch**

- 1. Stand with support on one side
- 2. Grab you left ankle with your left hand and lift towards buttocks. A towel can be used if needed.
- **3.** You should feel a gentle stretch in the front of your thigh

**Hold:** 20 seconds, and then switch sides.

**Don't** perform if this causes stress on your knees

# **Calf Stretch**

- 1. Stand with support on one side
- 2. Grab you left ankle with your left hand and lift towards buttocks. A towel can be used if needed.
- **3.** You should feel a gentle stretch in the front of your thigh

**Hold:** 20 seconds, and then switch sides.

## **Hamstring Stretch**

- **1.** Put the leg you want to stretch up on a stable higher surface.
- 2. Straighten your knee to feel a gentle stretch at the back of your leg.
- **3.** To increase the intensity of the stretch, bend forward slightly, placing the hands on the leg for support.

**Hold:** 20 seconds, and then switch sides.

