EXERCISE TIPS for older adults



WHEN EXERCISING, REMEMBER TO:

- Check with your healthcare provider before you start a new exercise program.
- >> Wear comfortable, supportive footwear.
- Be aware that muscle soreness after exercise is normal.
- Start with 5 repetitions of each exercise.
 Add 1 or 2 everyday until you reach 15 repetitions.
- >> Use a firm, stable chair for support.

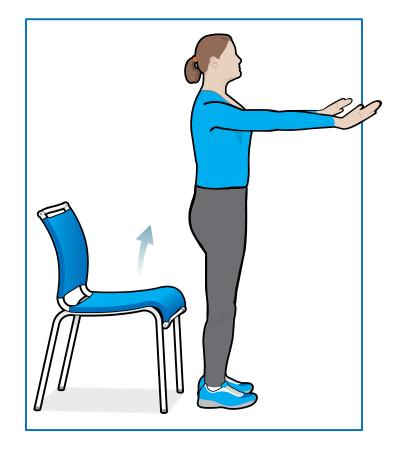


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SIT TO STAND

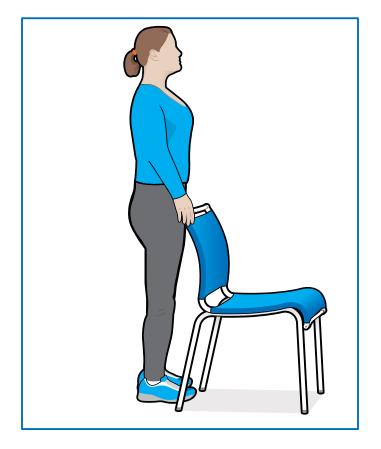
- >> Sit in a chair, feet hip-width apart
- >> Slowly stand up half way
- >> Make sure your knees do not come forward past your toes
- » Keep your hips, knees, and ankles in line
- >> Stand up straight and tall, then return to seated position
- Repeat up to 15 times



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STANDING LEG CURL

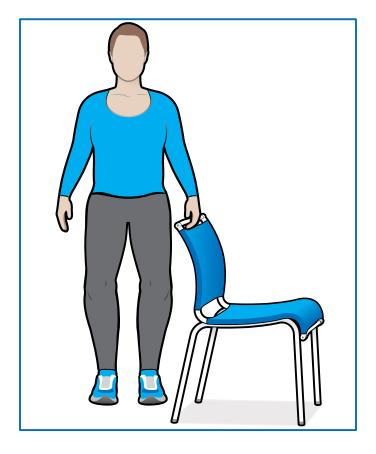
- Stand with feet hip-width apart
- >> Shift weight onto one leg
- Bend other knee
- » Raise heel toward buttocks as far as it is comfortable
- Return to starting position
- Repeat on each leg up to 15 times

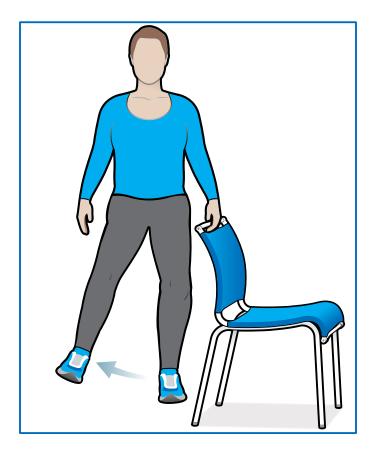


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STANDING LEG LIFT

- >> Stand with feet together, hold a chair for support
- » Shift weight onto one leg
- » Raise the other leg out to the side
- >> Keep your back straight and tall
- » Slowly return leg to the floor
- Repeat on each leg up to 15 times



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HEEL RAISE

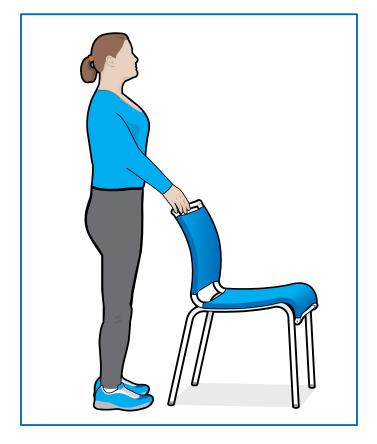
- Stand with feet hip-width apart
- >> Hold on to back of chair and look forward
- >> Slowly raise both heels off the floor, standing on toes
- Hold for 5-10 seconds
- Return to start position
- Repeat up to 15 times

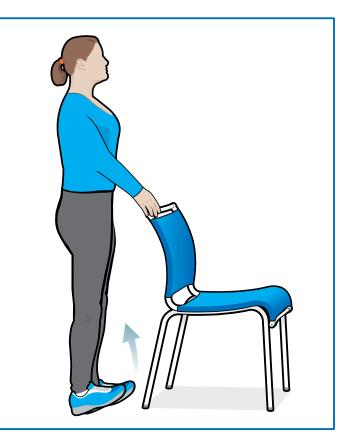


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TOE RAISE

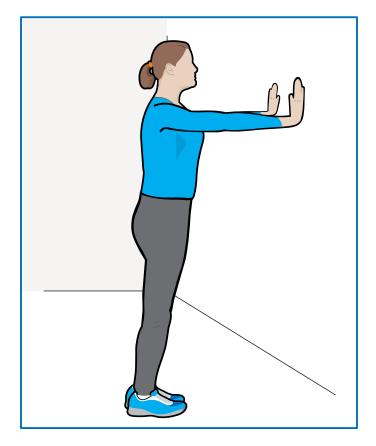
- Stand with feet hip-width apart
- » Hold onto back of chair and look forward
- >> Slowly raise toes off the floor, putting weight onto heels
- Hold for 5-10 seconds
- Return to start position
- Repeat up to 15 times

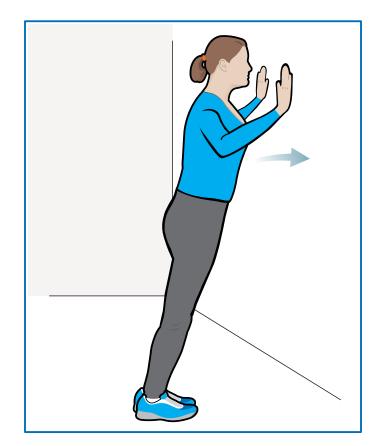


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WALL PUSH-UP

- Facing a wall, stand arms' length away and place hands on the wall at shoulder height, and shoulder-width apart
- » Tighten the abdominal muscles
- Keeping back and legs straight, bend elbows while lowering upper body toward the wall
- Hold for 2-3 seconds
- >> Straighten arms pushing against the wall and return to starting position
- >> Keep elbows slightly bent
- » Repeat up to 15 times



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