

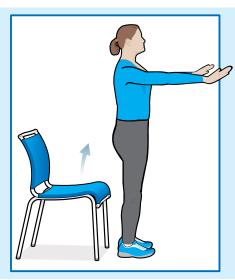
FOR OLDER ADULTS

WHEN EXERCISING, REMEMBER TO:

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







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



STANDING LEG CURL

- » Stand with feet hip-width
- » Shift weight onto one lea
- 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



SIDE 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
- Repeat on each leg up to 15 times



HEEL RAISE

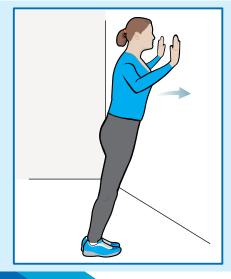
- Stand with feet hip-width apart
- » Hold on to back of chair and look forward
- Slowly raise both heels off the floor, standing on toes
- » Hold for 5-10 seconds
- Return to start position
- Repeat up to 15 times



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





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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