

3 MINUTE

WORKOUT PLAN

If you spend most of your day sitting during work or study then this workout plan is for you.

It can be done virtually anywhere, all you'll need is a timer and something to lean on to keep your balance, whether it is a desk, a benchtop or a car!

Instructions: Choose an exercise and do it for 30 seconds. Then repeat or choose a different one. Mix and match exercises to complete at least 3 minutes. Try and break up your day by doing a 3 minute workout every 30 to 60 minutes.

Bonus! If you have more than 3 minutes to spare why not do a few extra exercises?



Calf Raises

Raise your heels a few inches off the ground. Hold this position, and then slowly lower your heels back down. You can do this exercise while standing at a desk—you may need to hold on for balance and support.



Half Squats

Stand with your feet planted about shoulder width apart. Squat down half way keeping your back straight. Stand back up again and repeat.



1-leg stand

Stand tall with your hips, knees and toes in line. Transfer your weight onto a single leg, lifting the other just off the ground. When stable, tip forward at the hip. Move your back leg towards the ceiling and body towards the ground. Hold for 15 seconds each leg, then switch.



Knee Lifts

While keeping your knees bent, lift one leg so your knee moves toward your chest. Raise the leg as high as possible and hold the position for a few seconds. Lower your leg slowly and in a controlled manner. Switch to the other leg. This move helps open your hips while strengthening your thighs and abs.



Glute squeezes

While sitting or standing, contract your bottom muscles and hold tight for three seconds. Then, relax and contract again. You can do this at your desk or in the car!



Leg curls

While standing, bring one foot up to your backside, and then lower. Go for 30 seconds, and switch legs.



Push-ups

Plant your hands on the edge of a desk, table, or any stationary surface around your work station, shoulder width apart. Stretch your legs out behind you, lower your chest to the desk, and push-up.

Did you know?

If you spend more than 8 hours a day sitting, you need to do approximately 60 minutes per day of moderate-intensity physical activity to offset all that sitting. Try to be less still, and break up your day by moving more.

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