Warm Up for Work

Begin your warm up with joint-rotations, starting either from your toes and working your way up, or from your fingers and working your way down. These motions lubricate the entire joint with synovial fluid and allow your joints to function with more ease.

Benefits
- Increased awareness
- Improved coordination
- Improved elasticity and contractability of muscles
- Greater efficiency of the respiratory and cardiovascular systems

Hands

STANDING EXERCISE

Hand Squeezes
- Make a gentle fist by wrapping your thumb across your fingers.
- Hold for 3 seconds.
- Release and spread your fingers wide for 3 seconds.
- Repeat with both hands 3 times.

Neck

STANDING EXERCISE

1. Neck Rotation (Head Down)
   - Start with your head in the center.
   - Relaxing the shoulders, exhale as you bend your head forward, bringing your chin to your chest.
   - Stop when you feel a gentle stretch.
   - Hold for 10 seconds.
   - Inhale as you return your head to center.
   - Repeat 3 times.

2. Neck Rotations (Left to Right)
   - Start with your neck in midline position and head straight.
   - Exhale as you turn your head to the left, so you look over your left shoulder.
   - Stop when you feel a slight stretch.
   - Hold for 10 seconds.
   - Inhale as you return to the initial position.
   - Repeat 3 times.
   - Next, turn your head to the right and repeat 3 times.

Shoulders

STANDING EXERCISE

Shoulder Circles
- Let your arms hang by your sides.
- Roll your shoulders behind you in a circular motion.
- Repeat 6 times.
- Change direction and roll your shoulders forward in a circular motion.
- Repeat 6 times.

Wrist Circles
1. Wrist Flexion & Extension
   - Bend wrist down until you feel a stretch.
   - Hold for 5 seconds.
   - Slowly return to starting position.
   - Bend wrist up until you feel a stretch.
   - Hold for 5 seconds.
   - Slowly return to starting position.
   - Repeat 6 times.

2. Wrist Circles
   - Rotate your right wrist clockwise.
   - Perform the same rotation counterclockwise.
   - Repeat with each wrist 6 times.

Wrist Flexion & Extension
1. Hand Squeezes
2. Wrist Circles
Ankles
SEATED EXERCISE
1. Ankle Flexion & Extension
   • Sit in a comfortable position.
   • Breathe out as you extend your leg and slowly bring your foot up with toes flexed upwards.
   • Breathe out as you bring your foot down with toes extended towards the floor.
   • Repeat 6 times on each ankle.

2. Ankle Circles
   • As you breathe calmly, slowly circle your foot in a clockwise direction.
   • Then, circle your foot in counterclockwise direction.
   • Repeat 3 times with each foot.

Legs
SEATED EXERCISE
1. Leg Raises
   • Sit in a chair with your feet slightly apart.
   • Breathe out as you lift one leg off the floor and extend with a slight bend in the knee.
   • Hold for 3 seconds.
   • Breathe in as you lower your leg back to the floor.
   • Repeat 3 times.

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   • Repeat 3 times.

Hips
SEATED EXERCISE
Knee Raises
• Sit in a chair with your feet slightly apart.
• Breathe out as you lift one leg straight up, so the knee rises toward your shoulder.
• Hold for 3 seconds.
• Breathe in as you return your foot to the floor.
• Repeat 3 times.

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Toes
SEATED EXERCISE
1. Toe Flexion & Extension
   • As you breathe out, gently bend all your toes as far as comfortable.
   • Hold for 3 seconds.
   • Return to the start position.
   • Repeat 6 times with each foot.

2. Toe Flexion & Extension
   • As you breathe out, gently bring all your toes up as far as comfortable.
   • Hold for 3 seconds.
   • Return to the start position.
   • Repeat 6 times with each foot.

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• Hold for 3 seconds.
• Return to the start position.
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