



WORK INJURIES

ARE YOU WORKFIT?

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ARE YOU WARMED UP FOR WORK?



DUTIES OF EMPLOYER

Employer must ensure reasonable precautions are made to ensure the workplace is safe

- Protective gear
- Boots/ Gloves/ Steel caps
- Knee pads
- Hats
- High Visibility Gear
- Respirators, ear protection
- What relates to your workplace?

PROTECTIVE GEAR DOESN'T WORK
IF YOU AREN'T WEARING IT, EG safety
glasses, knee pads



DUTIES OF EMPLOYEE

It's a 2 way street - as the employee you have the responsibility

- to make sure you are fit enough to do the job required
- that you take reasonable care to do the job safely
- that you do not expose yourself to unnecessary health or safety risks

Eg. - Using correct manual handling techniques
- wearing provided safety equipment

WORKFIT

- Fatigue; well rested, lack of sleep leads to fatigue, fatigue is a major factor in all injuries, especially soft tissue injuries
- General fitness
- Not under influence alcohol/drugs



GENERAL FITNESS



- Fitter people fatigue less quickly
- Strong muscles – the stronger you are, the less likely you are to suffer a muscle or tendon injury
- Fitter people should find work easier, and can work for longer with lower risk of injury
- Eg. Long periods of digging
- Improved leg and upper body strength will reduce load on your body when you lift

GENERAL FITNESS - MOBILITY



- Mobility/flexibility
- Being flexible enough to do your job
- Eg. Planting or digging – you need to be able to get near your toes, otherwise you place too much pressure on your lumbar spine
- Thoracic/shoulder flexibility, improved range of motion, places less pressure on rotator cuff tendons in shoulder

WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET A NIGGLE?



- Ice
- Rest as able
- Identify the causative factor
- Change the behaviour
- Get problem assessed
- Early advice might be able to speed up full recovery or prevent a niggle from turning into a full blown injury

WARM UP



- Be ready to start work on time
- Get to work earlier if needed
- Quick walk before work
- Increase blood flow
- Increase body temp
- Improves soft tissue flexibility and muscle strength

WARM UP - STRETCH



- Stretches should be comfortable, not painful
- Hold 30 secs
- Don't force the stretch
- Recognize the difference between normal stretching pain and "unwanted" pain

WARM UP PROGRAM

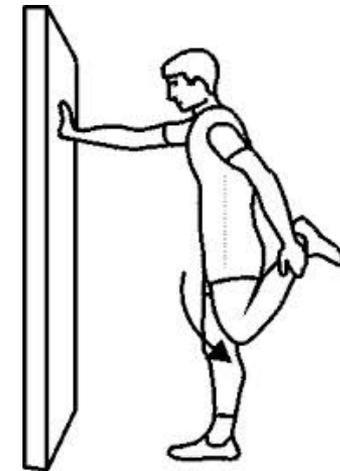
Half Squats



Calf Stretch



Quadriceps Stretch



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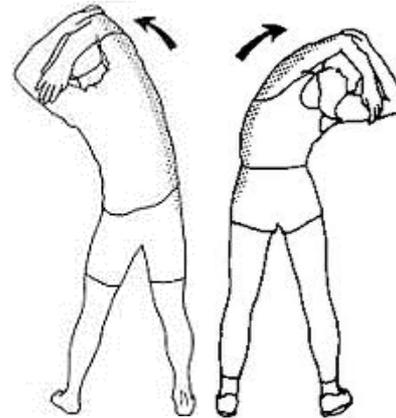
Hamstring Stretch



Lumbar Extension



Side Flexion

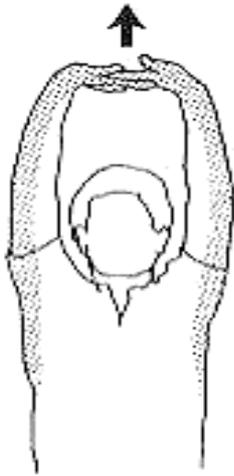


Post Cuff Stretch



WARM UP PROGRAM

Overhead Bridge



Neck Side-Flexion



Upper Limb Nerve Stretch

