## Ergonomic Checklist





CHAIR	YES	No	N/A	SUGGESTIONS IF NO
Can the height, seat and back of your chair be adjusted?  Are your feet fully supported by the floor when you are				<ul><li>Obtain a properly functioning chair</li><li>Lower the chair</li></ul>
seated?				<ul><li>Add footrest</li><li>Readjust for footwear height</li></ul>
Are you able to sit without feeling pressure from the chair seat on the back of your knees?				<ul><li>Adjust seat pan</li><li>Add a back support</li></ul>
Does your chair provide support for your lower back?				<ul><li>Adjust chair back</li><li>Obtain proper chair</li><li>Obtain lumbar roll</li></ul>
Do your armrests allow you to get close to your workstation?				<ul><li>Adjust armrests</li><li>Remove armrests</li></ul>
KEYBOARD AND MOUSE	YES	No	N/A	SUGGESTIONS IF NO
Are your keyboard, mouse and work surface at your elbow height?				<ul><li>Raise or lower workstation</li><li>Raise or lower keyboard</li><li>Raise or lower chair</li></ul>
Are frequently used objects within easy reach?				<ul> <li>Rearrange workstation</li> </ul>
When using your keyboard and mouse, are your wrists straight and your upper arms relaxed by your side?				<ul><li>Recheck chair, raise or lower as needed</li><li>Check posture</li></ul>
				<ul> <li>Check keyboard and mouse height</li> </ul>
Is your mouse at the same level and as close as possible to your keyboard				<ul><li>Move mouse closer to keyboard</li><li>Obtain larger keyboard tray if necessary</li></ul>
Do you alternate the hand used for controlling your mouse?				<ul> <li>Switch hands and adjust buttons in Control Panel</li> </ul>
WORK SURFACE	YES	No	N/A	SUGGESTIONS IF NO
Is your monitor positioned directly in front of you?				<ul> <li>Reposition monitor</li> </ul>
Is your monitor positioned at least an arm's length away?				Reposition monitor
Is your monitor height slightly below eye level?				<ul><li>Add or remove monitor stand</li><li>Adjust monitor height</li></ul>
Are your monitor and work surface free from glare?				<ul> <li>Windows at side of monitor</li> <li>Adjust overhead lighting</li> <li>Cover windows</li> <li>Tilt screen downward</li> <li>Obtain anti-glare screen</li> </ul>
Do you have a desk lamp for reading or writing documents?				<ul> <li>Obtain desk lamp</li> <li>Place on left, if right handed – place on right, if left handed</li> </ul>
BREAKS	YES	No	N/A	SUGGESTIONS IF NO
Do you take stretch breaks every 30 minutes?				Set reminders to take breaks
Do you take regular eye breaks from looking at your monitor?				<ul> <li>Refocus on a picture on wall every few minutes</li> </ul>
ACCESSORIES	YES	No	N/A	SUGGESTIONS IF NO
Is document ramp positioned in front of you?				Adjust workstation set up
Headset used when writing/keying while on phone?				<ul> <li>Obtain headset</li> </ul>

## COMPUTER & DESK STRETCHES (Approximately four minutes)

Sitting at a computer for long periods often causes neck and shoulder stiffness and, occasionally, lower back pain. Do these stretches every hour or so throughout the day, or whenever you feel stiff. Photocopy this and keep it in a drawer. Also, be sure to get up and walk around the office whenever you think of it. You'll feel better!

