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2. Ask for a standing desk

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3. Say hello

Make the effort to speak with a co-worker face-to-face. Simply standing up and walking engages your muscles.



4. Have good posture

Bad posture can strain areas including shoulders, lower back, neck and wrists. Those 5+ hours sitting each day can add up to chronic conditions over time.



5. Take the stairs

If you have a long way to go, split the trip by walking partway up the stairs and using the elevator the rest of the way.

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