# Stretching

- Don't force a joint beyond its normal range of motion.
- A stretch should not be painful. The term 'no pain, no gain' does not apply here.
- Don't forget to breathe.
- Don't be disheartened if it takes several weeks of a stretching program before you see significant results, don't rush it.
- The stretches below are a general guide. If you are dealing with an injury or medical condition it's a good idea to seek medical advice and approval regarding the appropriate stretches for you.

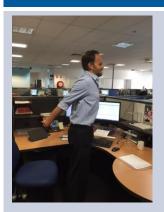
# **Upper Back Stretch**



Push both hands forward and away from your body as you breathe out.

Let your head rest between your arms. Hold for three seconds and repeat three times.

# **Upper Back and Chest Stretch**



Pull both hands down behind your back, breathe in. Keep your head straight. Hold for three seconds and repeat three times.

#### **Pigeon Neck Retraction**



Sit with upright posture.
Glide head directly backwards.
Keep your head level and do not look up.
Hold for 3 seconds, repeat 3 times.

# Forearm Stretch



Turn your arm so your elbow is pointing outwards. Gently stretch your hand and fingers under. Hold for 20 seconds each arm.

### **Neck Stretch**



Look straight ahead.

Tuck in your chin.

Tilt your head gently to the side, moving your ear down towards your shoulder.

Hold for 10 seconds each side.

#### Low Back Stretch

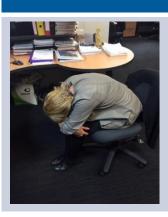


Place your hands in the small of your back.

Slowly lean backwards until you feel a stretch in your lower back. Don't twist or bounce.

Hold for 3 seconds and repeat 3 times.

### **Low Back Stretch**



While sitting, lean forward and hug your knees.