Exercises for Seniors



Shoulder / Chest Stretch

This exercise helps strengthen your shoulder muscles

- 1. Sit on a chair with your back straight, both feet on the floor
- 2. Use both hands to hold onto a stretch band or a towel shoulder length apart
- 3. Slowly lift your arm up into the air reaching behind the head, stretch the band or towel with your arm straight

Wall Push-Up

This exercise helps strengthen your arm muscles

- 1. Stand facing a wall with some distance
- 2. Put both hands on the wall at shoulder height
- 3. Slowly bend your elbow and lead your body against the wall. Keep your legs straight and heels on the floor
- 4. Hold this position for 1 second
- 5. Slowly push yourself back in position using your arm muscles
- 6. Repeat this exercise 10 to 15 times





Squats

This exercise helps strengthen your hips and leg muscles

- 1. Stand in front of a chair with the back facing the chair
- 2. Position feet apart a little bit wider than shoulder length
- 3. Straighten both arms out within shoulder length
- 4. Shift most of your weight toward your heels and bend your knees as you sit on a chair slowly while counting to 4
- 5. Slowly stand up while the back is straight
- 6. Repeat this exercise in 2 sets, each set 10 times. Rest 1 minute before you begin the second set.

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Plank Exercise

This exercise helps strengthen your arms, legs, and abdomen area

- 1. Kneel both knee on the floor and place both of your forearm on the floor with a push up position
- 2. Then straighten both of your feet and use your stomach muscle to lift your body up
- 3. Hold the position for 30 seconds and slowly lie down on the floor
- 4. Make sure your body and straight, your hip should not be too high nor too low ___



Toe Stands

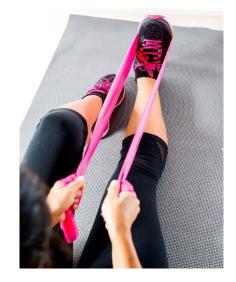
This exercise helps strengthen your balance

- 1. Stand behind a chair with your feet open at shoulder length
- 2. Slowly lift your heels up and stand on both of your toes and count to 4
- 3. Hold the position for 2 to 4 seconds and slowly bring both heels back down to the floor
- 4. Repeat this exercise in 2 sets, each set 10 times. Rest 1 minute before you begin the second set

Hamstring Stretches

This exercise helps strengthen your legs' flexibility

- 1. Sit on the floor with both feet straighten
- 2. Lift your knee up while keeping your left foot flat on the floor
- 3. Try to use both hands to reach your right toes or use a stretch band or a towel to wrap around your right foot and pull it towards you
- 4. Hold the position for 20 to 30 seconds and slowly get back in position
- 5. Repeat this with your other leg



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