

Ten Steps to Moving at Work

1. Walk with a colleague, walk with a client

- Invite a co-worker to join you for a walking break, meeting or appointment. Walking and talking can open up new conversation topics and create strong bonds.

2. Choose a fitness friend

- Being accountable to someone else often makes it easier to fit fitness in. Set up specific times to walk together or to try out new activities like a yoga class.

3. Sit up straight

- Sound too simple? Actually, sitting up straight and tightening your stomach muscles can make a big difference in your posture (and it helps prevent back pain too!).

4. Walk while you wait

- Waiting for the train or the bus? Walk around the station or up and down the block. Waiting for an appointment? Stroll down the hall or around your office.

5. Stretch your body (and your mind)

- A few good stretches can help relax your body and clear your mind. You can stretch while working at a computer, while talking on phone or just for the fun of it!

6. Reward yourself with an activity break

- Take an activity break whenever you can. After working diligently at your desk, take 5-10 minutes to hand-deliver a file, set up a meeting in person or walk to the copier.

7. Plan a regular walking route

- Some people love a routine. Map out a regular route (or routes) inside and/or outside, so you can get up and get moving, without having to think about it at all.

8. Use your legs for errands

- Need to go to the bank, the post office, the dentist or the hairdresser? Need to deliver some papers to a colleague? Use your legs to walk (or bike) there and back.

9. Become a “stair master”

- Think you need a fancy machine for your backside? Think again! Build beautiful legs and thighs for free. Just take the stairs (up and down) whenever you can.

10. Explore your workplace options

- Do you always use the same restroom, the same water fountain and the same route to your office? Enjoy a few extra steps by using facilities that are farther away!

