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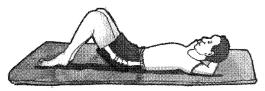
RISK REMINDER

PARTNERING WITH TOWNSHIPS

Back Exercises

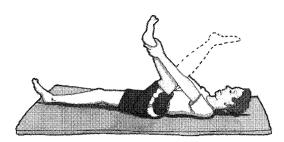
Back exercises strengthen the back and help protect you from accidental injury. Do these exercises daily and you'll be doing your back a favor.

Making your BACK work for YOU!



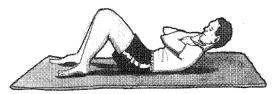
Pelvic Tilt

- Lie on your back with knees bent and feet flat on the floor.
- Slowly tighten your stomach and buttocks as you press your lower back into the floor.
- Hold for 10 seconds and relax.
- Repeat the sequence 5 to 20 times.



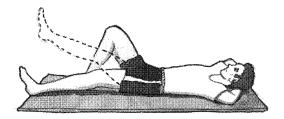
Hamstring Stretch

- Lie on your back with one leg straight in front of you and the other bent.
- Press your lower back into the floor.
- Pull the knee of the bent leg as far into your chest as you can.
- Holding the ankle of the bent leg, slowly try to straighten the leg.
- Hold for 10 seconds and relax.
- Repeat 5 to 10 times.
- Repeat the sequence with the other leg.



Bent-Knee Sit-Ups

- Lie on your back with knees bent, feet flat and your lower back pressed into the floor (pelvic tilt).
- Cross your arms across your chest (or lace your fingers behind your head).
- Tighten your stomach muscles and slowly raise your shoulders off the floor. Do not curl your head forward.
- Hold for 10 seconds then return to your starting position.
- Repeat 5 to 10 times.



Leg Lift

- Lie on your back with one leg straight in front of you and the other bent.
- Press your lower back into the floor.
- Slowly raise the straight leg as far as you can.
- Hold for 10 seconds and relax.
- Repeat 5 to 10 times.
- Repeat the sequence with the other leg.