## Flexibility



| Who  | Everyone can learn to stretch   |
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| When | ANY time is a good time   |
|      | In the morning<br>After sitting or standing for long periods<br>Any time you feel tense or stiff<br>At odd times like watching TV, reading or sitting   |
| Why  | A regular stretching program can help lengthen your muscles.  |
|      | To relax your mind and "tune up" your body<br>To preserve range of motion<br>To maintain flexibility<br>To prevent injury during exercise<br>To prepare the muscles for more vigorous activity<br>To help develop body awareness<br>To promote circulation          |
| How  | <ul> <li>Frequency: At least 3 days per week</li> <li>Intensity: To a position of mild discomfort</li> <li>Duration: Hold stretch for 10 seconds working up to 30 seconds</li> <li>Repetitions: Feel the stretch, but don't strain by stretching too far</li> </ul> |

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