

## Injury Prevention 10 STRETCHES

## **Stretching Benefits:**

- Increases circulation
- Increases flexibility
- Reduces pressure on the joints
- Reduces pain
- Improves posture

- Increases energy
- Decreases stress
- Decreases risk of injury
- Increases morale

## **Guidelines:**

- For best results stretch daily but even 2-3 times/week will help.
- Warm up before you stretch.
- Stand or sit tall before you start stretching and maintain good posture while you stretch.
- Gently stretch to the point of mild tension in your muscles.
- There should be no pain when you stretch.
- BREATHE- Do not hold your breath.
- Don't bounce when holding a stretch.
- Hold for 10-20 seconds.
- Repeat 3-5 times per side.

\*Please consult your physician prior to starting a stretching program.

## **Neck stretch**



**Back Muscles** 



**Shoulder squeezes** 



**Hip stretch** 



Hamstring stretch



Shoulder rolls



**Back Muscles** 



Wrist stretch



**Quad stretch** 



**Calf stretch** 

