

Low Back and Sciatic Nerve Mobility

Before commencing any exercise on this sheet please ensure they are suitable for you to perform. This is to avoid injury or aggravation of any pain complaint you may already have.

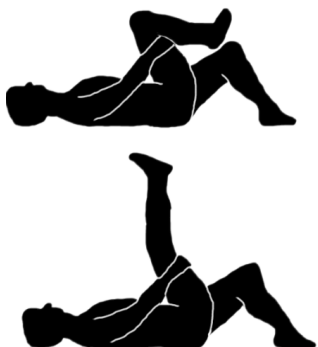
To check the suitability of the exercises contact us at SSi.

Please be advised correct technique is essential when performing the exercises and incorrect form may lead to injury. To arrange an appointment to check your technique when performing the exercises please contact us at SSi.

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- 1) - Start by lying flat on your back with one leg out straight and the other knee bent and held by your hands. This is your start position.
 - Gently pull the knee to the chest with the hands. Keep the action slow and controlled and only use a range of motion that is pain free.
 - Pause briefly at the end of the movement then slowly return to the start position.
 - Complete 30-50 reps.
 - You may repeat this exercise on the other knee.



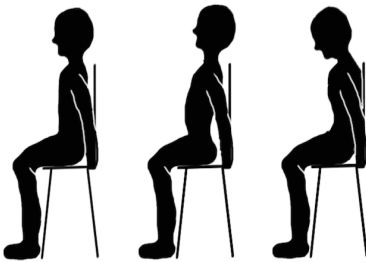
- 2) - Lie on your back with the hands behind the thigh of the target leg, holding the knee just past the level of the hip and the other leg bent with the foot flat on the floor.
 - Keeping the upper part of the target leg fixed with the hands, pull the foot up so the ankle is bent and fix the foot in this position.
 - Slowly straighten the target leg moving only the lower part of the limb. Move as far as is comfortable, until you feel a pull or stretch in either the low back, thigh, calf or foot. It is unlikely you will manage to fully straighten the leg.
 - Pause here briefly for control (1-2 seconds) then slowly return.
 - Complete 20-30 reps.

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- 3) - Lie on your front as flat as possible with a pillow under your chest and arms.
- Keeping your back relaxed slowly crawl your elbows into your chest, bunching up the pillow and lifting the chest upwards as you go.
- Ensure you do not experience pain at any point in the movement. If you feel pain then limit the range of motion to keep pain free.
- Once you reach your maximum range of pain free movement pause here for 5 seconds before slowly returning to the start position.
- Complete 15-20 reps.
- There should be very little sensation when performing this exercise. You may have a light pull into the low back.



- 4) - Sitting in a chair place the hands behind you for support. This will allow you to take your weight off your back by bracing with the arms if needed.
- Start with the body in an upright position and low back in neutral.
- Slowly proud the chest and arch the lower back as far as possible within a pain free range of motion.
- Once you reach your maximum range of pain free motion pause here for 1-2 seconds then slowly return to the neutral start position.
- As a continuous action move through the neutral start point into a slumped position, ensuring you remain within a pain free range of motion.
- Pause at the maximum range of pain free motion for 1-2 seconds then slowly lift back to the neutral start point. This counts as one rep.
- Complete 20-30 reps.
- There should be very little sensation when performing this exercise. You may have a light pull into the low back.