

Office Ergonomics Self-Assessment Checklist

Use the checklist below to determine if your computer workstation is properly adjusted.

Name: Location:

Keyboard and Mouse	YES	NO
When working on the computer, are your upper arms relaxed at your sides with your elbows at about a 90 degree angle?		
Is the keyboard positioned just below elbow level, and are your forearms horizontal with your wrists in a straight (neutral) position?		
Is the mouse located close to and at the same height as the keyboard?		
Are your forearms and wrists not resting on sharp edges while using the keyboard and mouse?		
Chair		
Do you know how to adjust your chair for maximum comfort?		
Are your chair's adjustment mechanisms in good order?		
Is your lower back supported by the chair's lumbar support and are there about 2 to 3 finger-widths between the back of your knee and the front of the chair?		
Are your feet flat on the floor or supported by a footrest?		
Are your thighs parallel to the floor with about a 90 to 110 degree angle at the hips?		
If arm rests are present, can they be lowered enough to allow you to tuck yourself in close to the desk / keyboard tray?		
Computer Monitor		
While looking at the monitor with your head and neck in a relaxed position, is the top line of text at about eye level?		
Is your monitor positioned about an arm's length away?		
Is your monitor adjusted to a comfortable level of brightness and contrast?		
Lighting		
Are lighting levels adequate for the tasks being done?		
Is your monitor free from glare and reflections from task/overhead lights or windows?		



Workstation Organization and Task Design	Yes	No
Are frequently used items (e.g. telephone, calculator) located within easy reach?		
Do you have sufficient leg room (i.e. do not store items under the desk that could restrict leg movement)?		
Do you take regular 5-minute breaks away from the computer each hour throughout the day?		
Do you remember to change posture, stretch and move your muscles regularly?		
Accessories		
If you frequently refer to source documents is a document holder available?		
Is the document holder placed between the monitor and the keyboard, or beside and at the same height, as your monitor?		

If you answered NO to any of the questions above, refer to the additional ergonomic resources provided in this section of the website to help you improve the ergonomics of your workstation.