## Health & Wellness Tip of the Week Week 16

**April** is all about focusing on **Workplace Safety.** It is the perfect time to remind you about the importance of being safe at work in order to prevent injuries.

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## The Real Truth About Stretching

We're not stretching the truth — regular stretch breaks during the day can make you more flexible and work wonders to increase productivity and reduce the risk of injury. Try these tips for stretching at your desk:

- Stretch gently and control your movements.
- Know your limits and stretch only to the point of mild tension.
- Make stretching a daily priority.
- Add fun to your routine by taking stretch breaks with coworkers seated nearby or play soft music, if allowed in your workplace.
- Include all areas in your stretching routine arms, hands, wrists, forearms, lower back, neck and shoulders.

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