#### SUPPORT NETWORK

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### Leg Exercise

 Lift one foot until your knee is straight and hold for a few seconds. Return foot to the starting position.



# for seniors:

8-10 exercises

### **Abdominal Exercises**

 Squeeze your abdominal muscles while raising both your feet off the ground. Hold for a second and release.



### **Arm Raises**

 Holding light weights in both hands and keeping a bend in your elbows, slowly lift both arms until they are parallel to the ground. Hold for a second and slowly go down to the starting position.



6-8
repetitions
per exercise/per side

### **Triceps Extensions**

 Holding a light weight, bend your left elbow straight up so it is pointing to the ceiling. Slowly straighten your arm. Hold for a second, then lower to the starting position.



### **Balance Exercises**

 Walk by placing the heel of your right foot directly in front of your left foot. Switch feet and repeat.



# +

2
days/week





# **Leg Stretches**

### To lengthen your abductors:

 Standing, bend your left leg slightly and lean your body left. Hold for a few seconds, then repeat on the other side.



### To stretch your legs:

• Stand and put one foot in front of the other. Gently lean forward, then repeat on the other side.



## **Chest Stretch**

 Clasp hands gently behind your head. Move your elbows back to the wall behind you. Hold for a few seconds, then repeat.



# heart, brain & body benefits

- maintain or increase muscular strength and endurance
- achieve or maintain a healthy weight
- maintain health and physical independence

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