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THE FIT FACTOR

LIFESTYLE CHANGE

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FITNESS TIP

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Here's are some of my tips...

Invest in a good mattress

One of the most crucial steps toward better health and posture begins with your mattress. A decent mattress supports your spine and body alignment while you sleep, helping you wake up refreshed and free of aches and pains. If your mattress is over eight years old, it might be time for a replacement, as an old or sagging mattress can contribute to poor posture and back problems.

Sit correctly

Many people spend a significant amount of their day sitting, whether at a desk, in the car, or on the couch. Poor sitting habits can lead to slouching, which over time may cause back and neck pain. To sit

correctly, ensure that your feet are flat on the floor, your back is straight, and your shoulders are relaxed but not rounded. Look to use a chair that supports the natural curve of your spine, or add a lumbar cushion if necessary.

Take frequent breaks

Whether you're sitting or standing for extended periods, it's important to take regular breaks to move around. Set a timer to remind yourself to stand up, stretch, and walk for at least five minutes every hour. This not only helps with posture by reducing the strain on your muscles but also boosts circulation, reduces stiffness, and can help prevent deep vein thrombosis, especially if you're sitting for long durations.

Consistency is what transforms average into excellence

Motivational quote of the day

Incorporate daily walks

Walking is a highly effective exercise that can improve your posture, enhance cardiovascular health, and keep your muscles strong and flexible. Aim for at least 30 minutes of walking each day.

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Practise mindful posture checks

Throughout the day, take a moment to check in with your posture. Are your shoulders hunched? Is your head leaning forward? Are you slouching? Being mindful of your posture can help you correct it on the spot, preventing bad habits from becoming ingrained.

Strengthen your core muscles

A strong core is essential for maintaining good posture and preventing back pain. Incorporate exercises that target your core muscles, such as planks, bridges, and pelvic

tilts, into your daily routine. These exercises help stabilise your spine, reduce the risk of injury, and support better posture.

Stretch regularly

Flexibility plays a crucial role in maintaining good posture and overall mobility. Daily stretching can help relieve muscle tension, improve your range of motion, and prevent stiffness. Focus on stretching your hamstrings, hip flexors, chest, and back, as these areas tend to tighten up with prolonged sitting or standing.

Stay hydrated and maintain a healthy diet

Proper hydration and nutrition supports muscle function, joint health, and overall vitality. Staying hydrated helps keep your muscles flexible and your joints lubricated, which is essential for maintaining good posture and preventing injuries. A balanced diet rich in vitamins and minerals, particularly calcium and vitamin D, supports bone health and reduces the risk of osteoporosis, which can affect posture.



> A good mattress could save you a world of pain

By making these small but impactful changes to your daily routine, you can significantly improve your posture, health, and overall quality of life. Consistency is key, and the benefits will become more apparent as you incorporate these habits into your everyday life.

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