Upper Back and Neck Stretches

Upper Trapezius

- 1. While seated, with your hand palm up, place your hand under you, where your leg joins with your buttock, at the location of the bone that you sit on.
- 2. Sit up nice and tall, lean your head away, bringing your ear down to your shoulder.
- 3. You should feel a nice light stretch in your neck.
- 4. Hold this for 3-5 belly breaths (10-15 seconds).

Repeat on Both Sides

Levator Scapulae

- 1. While seated, with your hand palm up, place your hand under you where your leg joins with your buttock, at the location of the bone that you sit on.
- 2. Lean your neck to the opposite side and then turn your head so you are looking down toward your opposite elbow.
- 3. You should feel a nice light stretch in your upper back and neck.
- 4. Hold this for 3-5 belly breaths (10-15 seconds).

Repeat on Both Sides

Anterior Scalene

- 1. While seated, with your hand palm up, place your hand under you where your leg joins with your buttock, at the location of the bone that you sit on.
- 2. Lean your neck to the opposite side and then turn your head so you are looking up toward the ceiling.
- 3. You should feel a nice light stretch in the front of your neck.
- 4. Hold this for 3-5 belly breaths (10-15 seconds).

Repeat on Both Sides

Pectoralis Minor

- 1. Find a wall or door frame that you can use.
- 2. Put your forearm against the door frame about 45 degrees above your shoulder.
- 3. With the outside leg take a step into the door.
- 4. You should feel a gentle stretch in the front of your shoulder.
- 5. Hold this for 3-5 belly breaths (10-15 seconds).

Repeat on Both Sides









Other Stretches

Bicep Tendon

- 1. Find a wall. Place your hand on the wall at shoulder height.
- 2. Straighten your arm with your fingers pointed behind
- 3. Slowly twist your torso away from the wall.
- 4. You should feel a stretch in the front of your shoulder.
- 5. Hold this for 3-5 belly breaths (10-15 seconds).

Repeat on Both Sides



Swimmers / Lat Stretch

- 1. Find a wall and stand about two feet from it.
- 2. Place both hands high on the wall above your head.
- 3. With one leg forward and one back, bend your torso down toward the wall keeping your head neutral.
- 4. You should feel a stretch in your armpit and along the rib cage.
- 5. Hold this for 3-5 belly breaths (10-15 seconds).



Subscapularis Stretch

- 1. Find a wall and stand about two feet from it.
- 2. With one leg forward and one back, bend your torso down toward the wall keeping your head neutral.
- 3. Press your forearms against the wall with your thumbs pointing out.
- 4. You should feel a stretch in your armpit and shoulder.
- 5. Hold this for 3-5 belly breaths (10-15 seconds).

