

**DID YOU KNOW** the common cold is the only thing that accounts for more missed days of work than back injuries? Protect your back using the following tips:

- 1.) Take breaks at work to stand, walk around and stretch.
- 2.) When lifting, squat and bend with your knees, not at the waist.
- **3.)** Listen to your body. It will tell you what you can and cannot do.
- **4.)** Ask for help lifting or moving something rather than risk back injury.

A healthy back begins with good nutrition and exercise. Exercises like walking, swimming, stretching, and yoga are good for back health. As always, consult with a physician before radically changing your diet or taking up any new exercise regimen.





## **Back Safety Discussion Topics**

- 1.) Who here has had back problems in the past? Do you know why? What did you do to improve your back health?
- 2.) Are you comfortable sitting or standing at your workstation? If not, why?
- **3.)** Does anyone have any exercises he/she would recommend to improve back health?

