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# Ergonomic Self Evaluation Check List Office Set Up

#### Start with Your Chair

- 1. Sit "deep in the seat" with your weight toward the back of the seat pan
- 2. Seat Height is set so your feet can rest flat on floor with your knees at or just below your hips)
- 3. <u>Seat Depth</u> Back is against seat back cushion and have about 2 inches space between the back of your knees and the front edge of the seat pan cushion
- 4. Seat Back cushion is supporting the curve in the lower part of your back
- 5. Arm Rests are out of your way while you work at your computer

### **Check Your Keyboard and Mouse Set Up**

- 1. Alignment is set so these elements right in front of you to avoid twisting
- 2. Distance is close enough to use easily without reaching = Elbows by side
- 3. Height is set so that your elbows relax comfortably by your side at about a 90 degree angle

(Both items, KB/MS are set at the same height)

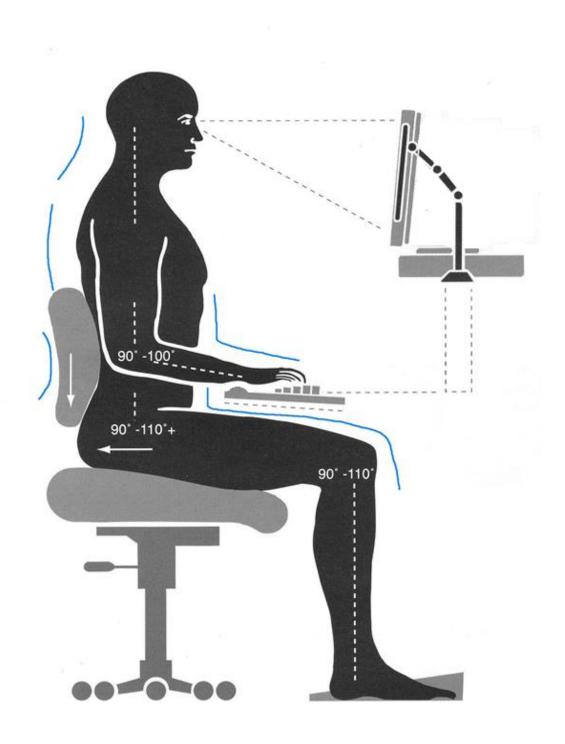
#### **Check your Monitor**

- 1. Alignment is set directly in front of you to avoid turning of your neck or body
- 2. Distance is set about your arms length away from your face
- 3. <u>Height</u> will most often be set so the top tool bar is at the same height as your eyes (using bi-focal corrective lenses will change this recommendation to set monitor tool bar lower)

#### **Check your surroundings**

- 1. The things you use frequently are set close by to avoid bending and reaching
- 2. You have enough lighting to see everything easily
- 3. You have enough room for your body and can come and go from the workstation easily

NOTE: See diagram on back for reference



Power Posture
3 Spinal Curves
Relaxed Shoulders
Elbows at 90 degrees
Knee Height Same or Slightly Below Your Hips