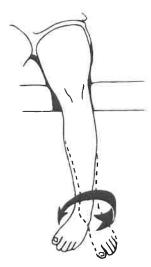
## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

The exercises in this program are designed to improve ankle/foot mobility and strength. The recommended sets/repetitions are general guidelines, not hard and fast rules. You can do less or more depending on your tolerance. Make sure that all exercises are pain-free.

Try to perform all exercises 3 times per week.

ANKLE / FOOT -Ankle Circles

Slowly rotate foot and ankle 8-10 times clockwise and 8-10 times counterclock-wise. Focus on using your heel to draw the circle (relax your toes). Gradually increase range of motion. Avoid pain.



Do 2-3 sessions per day.

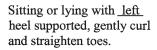
ANKLE / FOOT - ROM: Plantar / Dorsiflexion

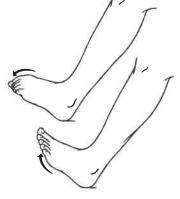


With left leg relaxed, slowly point foot as far as possible. Hold 1-2 seconds, then slowly pull top of foot toward shin as far as possible. Hold 1-2 seconds. Move through full range of motion. Avoid pain.

Do 10-15 repetitions.

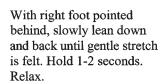
ANKLE / FOOT - AROM: Toe Curl





Do 15-20 repetitions.

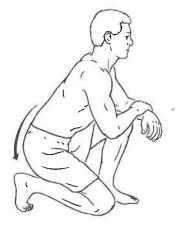
## ANKLE / FOOT - Ankle Plantar Flexion: Self-Mobilization (Kneeling)





ANKLE / FOOT - 40 Toe Extension / Ankle Dorsiflexion: Self-Mobilization (Kneeling)

On right knee and toes, lean down and back until gentle stretch is felt. Hold 1-2 seconds. Relax.

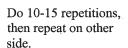


Do 15-20 repetitions.

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ANKLE / FOOT - Dorsiflexion: Self-Mobilization (Sitting)

Feet flat, other foot forward. Keeping foot pointing straight ahead, slide left foot back until gentle stretch is felt. Keep entire foot on floor. Hold 2-3 seconds. Relax and slide forward.





ANKLE / FOOT -Single-Leg Toe Curling



With foot resting on towel, slowly bunch up towel by curling toes.

Repeat 6-8 times.

ANKLE / FOOT - 4 Inversion: Isometric



Using lower leg muscles, press inner borders of feet into ball or rolled pillow between feet (as if trying to turn feet inward). Hold 6 seconds. Relax.

Repeat 6-8 times.

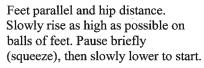
ANKLE / FOOT - 3 Eversion: Isometric

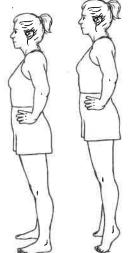


Using lower leg muscless, press outer border of right foot into ball or rolled pillow against wall (as if trying to turn foot outward). Hold 6 seconds. Relax.

Repeat 6-8 times.

CALVES - Standing Calf Raises on Slant Board





ANKLE / FOOT - Toe Raise (Standing)

Holding support as needed, raise front of feet off floor. Pause briefly, then lower.



Do 1-2 sets of 15-20 repetitions.

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