12 Step plan to set up your workstation correctly



1. Adjust your chair height

- Adjust your seat height so that your elbows are approximately 1-2 cm above the level of the desk.
- Ensure your wrists are relaxed

2. Are your feet on the Floor/footrest?

 If your feet cannot comfortably reach the floor then please request a footrest from your manager.

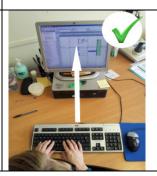


3. Adjust your chair back rest

- Adjust the chair back support until it comfortably supports your back.
- Adjust the back angle for a comfortable working position.

4. Keyboard position

- The keyboard should be close to the desk edge allowing adequate room to rest your hands/arms when not typing.
- Ensure the keyboard is placed centrally between you and your monitor.



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5. Mouse

- Take your hand away from your mouse when you are not using it.
- Try keyboard short cuts where possible.
- Ensure the mouse is positioned within easy reach without overstretching.

6. Adjust monitor

- Adjust the screen height/angle to achieve a comfortable head/neck position whilst working.
- Ensure your back is supported by your chair and then re-position the screen to a comfortable viewing distance.
- Ensure there is no glare or reflections on your screen. Use blinds if necessary.





7. Check your working Position

 Ensure you are sitting supported in your chair facing your keyboard and monitor.
 Avoid working at awkward angles and don't sit perched on the edge of your chair.

8. Documents

- If you need to review hard copy documents whilst working on the computer then consider a document holder.
- If it is not possible to use a document holder then consider placing the document between the screen and keyboard.



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9. Reposition equipment

 Place items you use frequently with easy reach and avoid repetitive stretching or twisting.

10. Breaks

• Organise your work so that you take regular short breaks away from your screen. E.g. filing, going to the printer

11. Vision

• You are entitled to eye and eyesight testing. Ask your manager for further details or review the DSE policy on the intranet.



12. Any other problems?

 If you experience any problems whilst using your workstation or have any health and safety related concerns then you should contact your manager.

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