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## DON'T TAKE BACK PROBLEMS SITTING DOWN

Why do so many of us have back problems today? In part, it's the way our work and lifestyle has evolved. As people grow more sedentary in an increasingly automated world, we're doing more sitting and adding extra pounds. As a result, our backs are becoming more vulnerable to injury.

Sitting, especially slouching, is one of the most common positions during our waking hours. It also happens to be one of the worst positions for our backs, by putting continuous pressure on the lower back muscles and disks.

Low back pain is a warning that something is wrong. Recognize this warning and take steps to prevent a back problem from getting worse. Here are some helpful suggestions if you sit for long periods during the course of your workday.

- Choose the right chair, a chair that supports the length and width of your back with adjustable armrests and a seat height you can adjust.
- Sit smart. Sit straight and close to your work, don't slump forward. Your buttocks should rest against the back of the seat. Your knees should stick out a hand's width beyond the edge of the chair with your feet resting comfortably on the floor or footrest.
- Adjust your work height and angle. Your surface work and keyboard should be at elbow level. If you work at a computer, the top of your screen should be at eye level.
- If possible, get up regularly and stretch or, shift your sitting position at least once every 30 minutes.

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