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### LIFE IN THE BALANCE

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Did you know your ability to balance and your mortality are connected? Without meaning to be hyperbolic, let's put it another way – Balance is a key indicator of your fitness level.

#### **Properly Balanced**

The study, which began in 2008, assessed over 1,700 people aged 51-75 on whether they could balance while standing on one leg for 10 seconds or longer. Participants who couldn't perform the test were nearly four times more likely to suffer from ailments like heart attacks, strokes, cancer, and more.

The other outcome? Many of the study's participants were unaware they couldn't sustain one-legged balance for more than 10 seconds, and were much more prone to engage in balance training afterward.

#### **Try Your Own Standing Test!**

**Balance on one leg** and place the other foot at the back weight-bearing limb for support. Hold.

Did you make a full 10 seconds?

If not, give yourself a bit of a break.

You get 3 tries to maintain the posture for at least 10 seconds.

How did it go? Did you find yourself wobbling? Did each try get harder or easier? Are you better #PREPARED to be conscientious of your balance going forward?



#### **Balance Requires Practice**

Now that you have a better idea of your balancing ability, what can you do to improve your result? Start with Work Right's

Instagram Story on balance and flexibility! Work Right's Tori Meyer walks through some balance and flexibility exercises you can do on your own.



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