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THUMBS UP FOR SAFETY

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Do you sometimes feel you're *all thumbs*? This might mean you feel clumsy with your work or your hands, but we could think of worse things. Our thumbs do more for us than we give them credit. (Try opening a door or buttoning a button if you need a reminder.) But because of how useful our thumbs are, the more we have to be aware of their possibility for injury. Let's dig into the archive and give you some resources leaving you *thum-believably* strong!

GET A GRIP

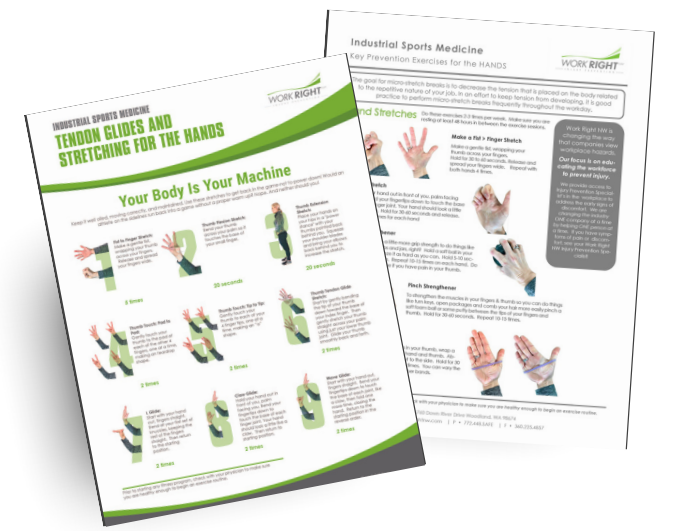
Our hands do a great deal of our work. They're involved with so many aspects of our job tasks. Many of those tasks require some kind of grip strength. A strong grip is essential for shoulder strength and power. And what hinges on our grip? Our thumbs! Check with your onsite clinician to measure your own grip strength.



THUMB-THING RISKY

Thumbs are highly prone to overuse issues, and as a result more susceptible to arthritis. Keep those thumbs (and your fingers) nimble and agile with these microstretches and warm-up exercises!

[Stretching for the Hands](#) | [Microstretch Exercises](#)



Try 5 reps of this stretch while you read!

THUMB FLEXION STRETCH

Bend your thumb across your palm so it touches the base of your small finger.



Ask your onsite clinician if you prefer a print version of these resources. They'll be happy to help!

TO ACCESS THESE RESOURCES, SCAN THE QR!

Work Right NW is changing the way that companies view workplace hazards. Our focus is on educating the workforce to prevent injury. We provide access to Injury Prevention Specialists in the workplace to address the early signs of discomfort. We are changing the industry one company at a time by helping one person at a time.

