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## STRAIN THE BRAIN

Think about correct body mechanics to reduce the risk. Is there a way to eliminate or reduce manual handling? Assess the task and risks involved



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# **LOVE THE LOAD**

Keep the load as close as possible to your body Closer to the load = less strain to your lower back

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#### **KEEP THE CURVE**

Always maintain the curve in the lower back Keeping a 'neutral spine' reduces force on the discs in the back



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## **WINGS IN**

Keep elbows and arms close by your side Limit shoulder movement above 90 degrees

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# **RULE OUT REPETITION**

Break up tasks that are repetitive, heavy or awkward Change postures and positions, even just for 15 seconds Take micro-breaks & stretch





