SAFETY IN MANUFACTURING Ergonomics: Repetition

If you see risks like this in your place of work, they need to be controlled. The recommended limits are on the back.

RISK FACTORS	CONTRIBUTING FACTORS
Reaching Frequently	Performing same tasks over and over Poor workstation design and layout • The location of equipment, machinery, and materials in relation to how the job is performed
Twisting Regularly	Poor workstation layout Restricted workspace • Limited access to equipment, machinery, and materials Keeping body in one place instead of turning entire body
Intensive Typing	Performing the same tasks over and over

Recommended Limits

Repetitive Motion

Repeating the same motion with the neck, shoulders, elbows, wrists, or hands every few seconds should be limited to 2 hours total per shift.



Intensive Typing

Continuous typing should be limited to 4 hours total per shift.



Controls

Short-term injury prevention controls

- 1. Change layout to reduce frequent twisting
- 2. Change tasks to keep from performing similar actions over and over
- 3. Provide the proper manual handling devices (such as carts and dollies)

Long-term injury prevention controls

- 1. Provide powered hand tools instead of manual tools
- 2. Train employees in a variety of tasks
- 3. Make sure new equipment and machinery are adjustable to allow for changing work practices and products

