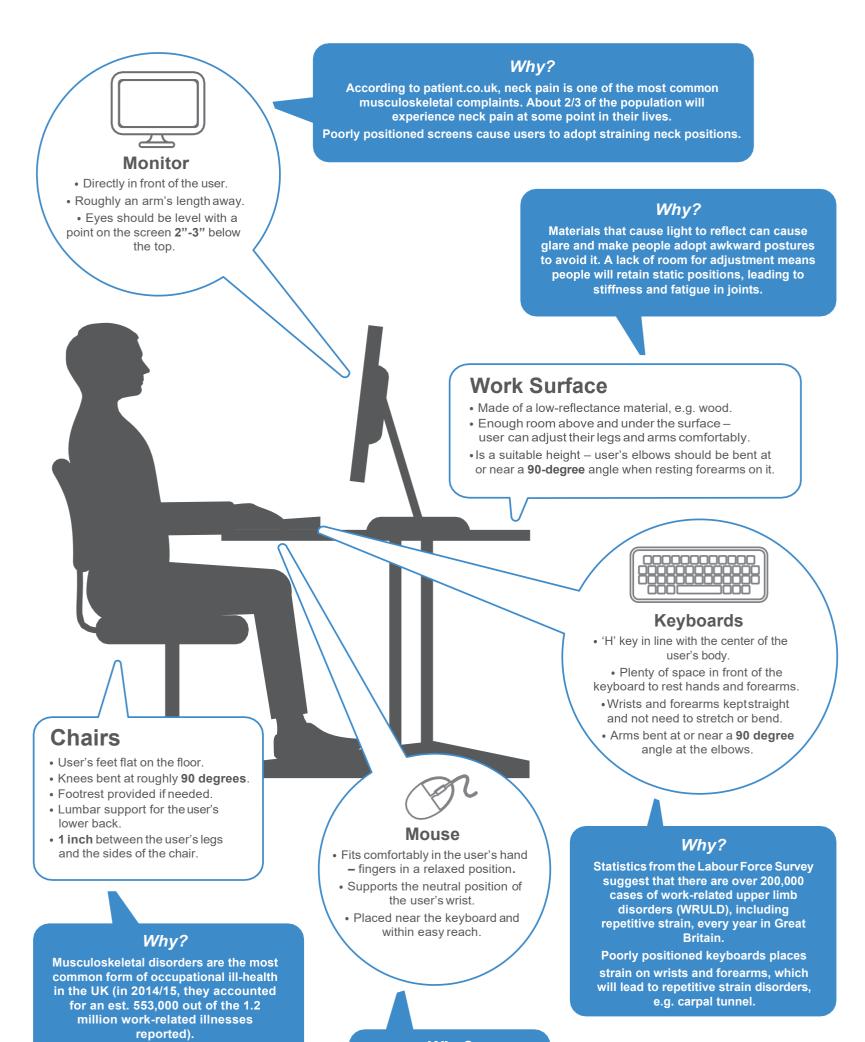


Desk Ergonomics

Preventing Musculoskeletal Disorders

Do you know what the risks are when working at a desk for prolonged periods? Do you know how display screen equipment should be arranged so users can work without experiencing strain whilst at their workstation?



An inappropriate chair will lead to the user adopting poor posture and as a result strain being placed on the upper and lower back. This will lead to musculoskeletal disorders in the back and upper limbs

Why?

Having to overreach for the mouse or hold it too close to the body will lead to repetitive strain disorders.

Stretching and breaks

- DSE users should get up at least once an hour so to stretch and change their position.
- DSE users should carry out small exercises at or away from their desk to prevent prolonged strain.
- Users should take their designated breaks and break up long periods of DSE work with other tasks.

Why?

Regular stretching will relieve tension and strain, while breaks will give their body a chance to relax and recuperate after intense work periods.

