

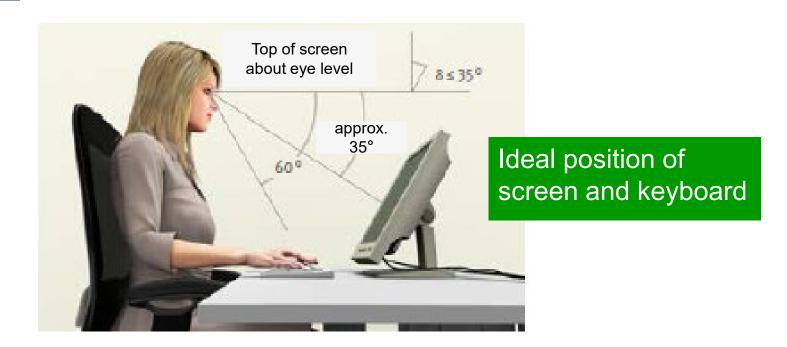
### Health and Safety Briefing:

# Health and Safety in Offices



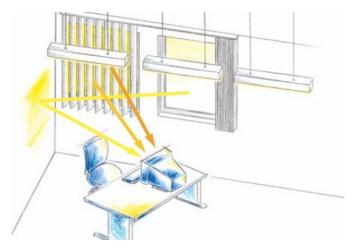


### **UNI** Correct setup of office and display screen equipment (DSE) workstations

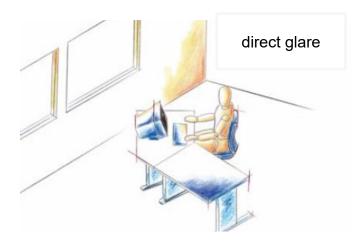




### **UNI** Glare and reflections caused by light falling on the screen



Light from window falling on screen = glare



Bright window next to dark screen = glare

Position DSE workstations so that the users' line of sight is parallel to windows. If necessary, fit windows with blinds.

#### Ideal:

Display screens positioned at right angles to windows



### Workplace seating

Office chairs should support a natural sitting posture and encourage movement.

#### **Active sitting chairs generally feature:**

- Reclining backrest that can be locked into position
- Lumbar support
- Adjustable level of back support
- Synchronous tilt





## UNI WÜ Office chairs

#### Active sitting



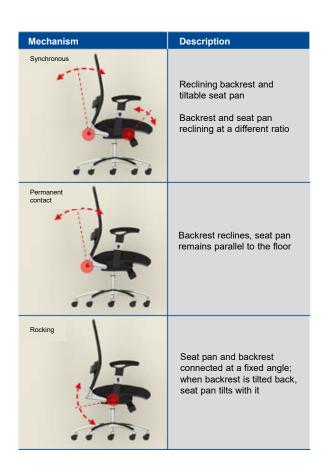
**Posterior posture** 



Middle posture

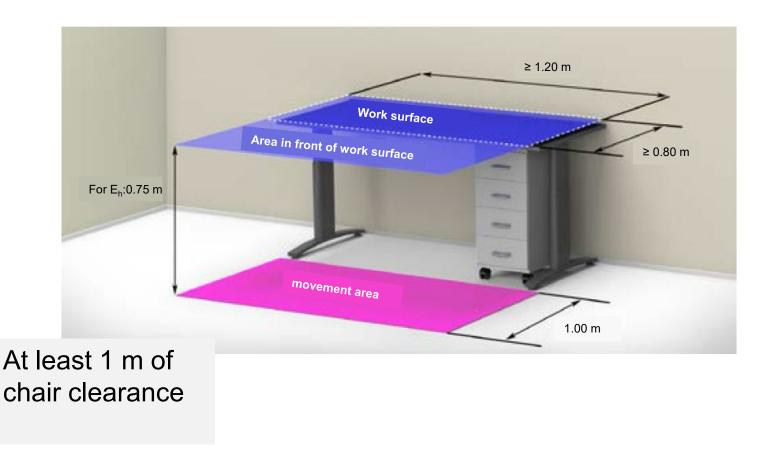


**Anterior posture** 





# UNI How much space does an office wü worker need?





## wii Step stools and ladders

- Always use an appropriate step stool or ladder when reaching for items at a height of more than 1.8 m.
- Inspect for visible signs of damage before use.
- Have step stools and ladders inspected by qualified personnel at regular intervals.







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## **UNI wii** Power strip safety



- Use only power strips that have a safety approval mark.
- •The copper wires in the cord must have a cross-sectional area of at least 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup>.
- Never plug a power strip into another power strip.
- •Power strips must be mounted to a wall/positioned safely (to prevent liquids from getting into the outlets and prevent trip and fall hazards).
- •Staff are encouraged to use power strips with a DPST switch.





# Adding physical activity to your day at the office

Office workers tend to sit for prolonged periods of time and should thus:

- Travel to work by bike or public transport.
- •Park their cars further away and walk the rest of the way to the office (at least 10 min.).
- •Move photocopiers and printers further away.
- Spend their breaks away from their desks.
- •Use stairs rather than lifts.



### Health hazards of toner dust

- Toner dust may cause respiratory tract, eye and skin irritation.
- Toner dust can be a sensitiser.
- Toner is flammable.

Post safety guidelines near photocopiers and follow them! (poster available from Office of Occupational Health and Safety)



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### Indoor foliage plants



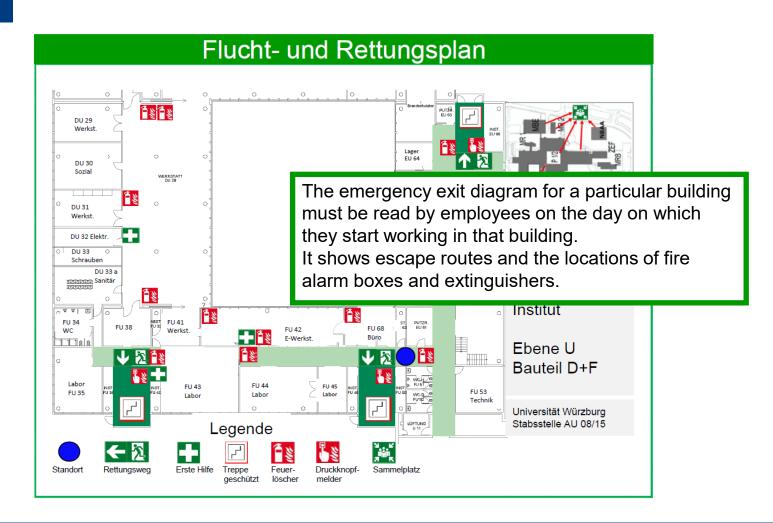
Plants absorb noise and increase air humidity in the office. A higher level of humidity makes the air easier to breathe and helps reduce the risk of catching a cold.

In addition, office plants absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, they filter out air pollutants and improve the wellbeing of workers.





### Emergency exit diagrams





### Emergency exit signs















Green emergency exit signs indicate the quickest and safest escape route.



### Important posters

Display these posters and keep them up to date:

