

5 ACL Injury Prevention Exercises

Ensure you have something to put a hand on if you need help with your balance. If any of these are painful, please consult your physical therapist.

Single Leg
Diagonal Hop
2 sets of 20 reps/leg

Start on one foot and hop from side to side as you move forward. Try to land softly and allow your knee to softly bend when you land to help explode into the next hop.

Nordic Curls
3 sets of 5 reps

Have a partner hold your heels down. Keep your body from your knees to your head straight as you lower yourself towards the floor as slowly as possible. Pull yourself back up to the starting position.

3 Shuttle Sprint 5 reps in each direction

Sprint to the middle cone, cut and run towards the cone on the right, turn and run for the far left cone, and then run past the far right cone.

4 Side Plank Plus Sidelying Hip Abduction

Start in a side plank position. Engage your glutes and abdominals to make your body into a straight line. Raise the top leg straight up and return to the start position.

2 sets of 20 reps/side

5 Blinded Single Leg Hop

2 sets of 20 reps

Cover your eyes or keep them closed. Try to hop as high as you can while landing softly, and exploding into the next hop.



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