

Band strength support

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30–40 min · Stable chair and an undamaged resistance band with a secure anchor

Before starting: use the pathway readiness check. These sheets are for adults without symptoms or restrictions affecting exercise. Experienced sheets require familiar technique. A matched result is not medical clearance.

Stop for pain, dizziness, chest symptoms or unusual breathlessness. Urgent or severe symptoms need urgent local medical help. Do not push through symptoms.

Effort & preparation

Keep about 3 comfortable repetitions in reserve; no forced repetitions.

6–8 min of easy movement and light rehearsals.

Rest 60–120 seconds between sets, longer if needed.

01 Chair squat | 2 sets × 8–10

Touch the chair with control and stand; do not drop onto the seat.

Easier option: Use hands or choose sit-to-stand.

02 Standing band row | 2 sets × 8–12

Use only an anchor designed and secured for the band. Pull elbows back gently while keeping your trunk steady.

Easier option: Use lighter resistance. If the anchor is uncertain, use standing shoulder-blade squeezes: arms by your sides, draw the shoulder blades gently together for 2 seconds, 8–12 times. This is a mobility alternative, not an equal resistance exercise.

03 Wall or stable incline push-up | 2 sets × 8–12

Use a wall or a fixed, non-slip surface; bend and straighten elbows with control.

Easier option: Choose the wall.

04 Glute bridge | 2 sets × 8–12

Lie with knees bent and feet planted. Lift hips comfortably and lower without arching.

Easier option: Skip if floor access is difficult.

Finish: 3–5 min easy movement. Inspect the band and anchor before every session.

Record this session

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Date / session start	
Sleep / energy beforehand	
Exercises: load, reps by set	
Effort / reps left in reserve	
Comfort / recovery afterwards	

Choose your next step

Comfortable and on target: repeat. Harder than intended: use an easier option or less resistance next time. Poorer recovery: rest or use the easier-day sheet. Symptoms: stop and follow the safety guidance.

For strength only: after two comfortable sessions at the top of the stated repetition range with the intended reserve, optionally make the smallest familiar load increase and return to the lower repetition count. Do not also add sets. There is no automatic weekly progression.

Aerobic work: repeating the same manageable dose is useful. Do not automatically add speed, duration or intervals.

What I will repeat or change	
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Sources & editorial limits

Resistance training: ACSM 2026

<https://acsm.org/resistance-training-guidelines-update-2026/>

Warming up: NHS

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/how-to-warm-up-before-exercising/>

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