

IF STANDING FLARES YOUR — SCIATICA — THIS IS YOUR FIRST STEP

Sciatica Standing Tolerance Builder
Step-by-Step Protocol



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If standing at your own kitchen counter builds pressure down your leg — and you find yourself shifting, bracing, or counting seconds until you can sit down —

You are not weak. You are not being dramatic. And you are not alone.

Most people with sciatica are told to stand more. Push through it. Build up slowly. Nobody gives them a structure for how to actually do that without triggering a flare.

This guide changes that. You will know exactly what to do, how long to do it, and when to stop.

What Is Actually Happening When You Stand

Standing is not supposed to hurt. But when the sciatic nerve is irritated, sustained compression — even from something as simple as standing still — can push it past its tolerance threshold.

The pain that builds down your leg while standing is the nerve telling you the load is more than it can manage right now. That is not a reason to stop standing entirely. It is a reason to build tolerance the right way.

■ Pattern Interrupt

Standing is not the enemy. Unmanaged standing is. The difference is structure — and that is exactly what most people never get.

Do This First

1. Stand tall

Like someone is gently pulling you up from the top of your head

Feet hip-width apart

Weight even on both feet — do not favor one side

If you experience sharp pain, numbness, tingling, or any symptoms listed in the red flag section — stop immediately and consult a healthcare provider.

2. Start with 2 minutes only

Set a timer

Do not push past what feels controlled

Two minutes done right is worth more than ten minutes that flares you

If you experience sharp pain, numbness, tingling, or any symptoms listed in the red flag section — stop immediately and consult a healthcare provider.

3. Move before symptoms build

Every 30-60 seconds: shift weight gently side to side

Small bend and straighten of the knees

Keep it slow — this is load management, not exercise

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4. Reset before the pain arrives

Sit or walk briefly between rounds

Do not wait for the spike — reset early every time

Early resets are not failure. They are the protocol.

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5. Repeat 3-5 times through your day

Not all at once — spread sessions out

Consistency is what builds tolerance — not duration

Every calm session is building something real

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Position

- Stack yourself tall — no leaning, no locking the knees
- Shoulders relaxed and down
- Do not shift all weight into one hip
- If using a surface for support — light touch only, do not lean into it

Range

You should feel stable and in control

Mild tension or mild fatigue is normal

Sharp pain, burning, or symptoms spreading further down the leg — that is your signal to reduce time or stop

Timing and Reps

Start:	2 minutes per session
Progress:	Add 1-2 minutes every few days — only when current duration feels genuinely controlled
Direction:	Toward 10 minutes with no symptom increase — but there is no deadline
Sessions:	3-5 per day — spread throughout the day
Rule:	Short and controlled beats long and reactive every time

Progression

When 5 minutes starts to feel unremarkable — that is your signal to push a little further. Not before.

When 10 minutes feels stable — begin adding light tasks while standing. Cooking. Folding. Things that used to be a problem.

If a session flares — do not push through it. Return to the previous duration and rebuild from there. That is not a setback. That is exactly how capacity is built.

Feel Check

✓ Mild engagement or light tension — this is normal

✓ Stable and in control throughout the session

✓ Mild fatigue after — that is the adaptation signal

✗ Sharp or shooting pain during or after

✗ Numbness or tingling that increases as you stand

✗ Symptoms spreading further down the leg

X Symptoms significantly worse after two or more sessions

If you experience sharp pain, numbness, tingling, or any of the red flag symptoms below — stop immediately and seek medical attention.

Red Flag Protocol

Stop and seek immediate medical attention if you experience:

- Loss of bladder or bowel control
- Numbness or tingling in the groin or inner thigh
- Sudden severe weakness in both legs
- Chest pain, dizziness, or difficulty breathing during movement
- Symptoms that are rapidly worsening

Stop and consult a licensed provider before continuing if you experience:

- New or increasing numbness or tingling down the leg or into the foot
- Sharp shooting pain that worsens with every attempt at movement
- Significant increase in symptoms after two or more sessions
- Fever, unexplained weight loss, or night pain that wakes you from sleep

Key Takeaway

Standing is not what is hurting you. The absence of a real starting point is.

Understanding that changes everything. You stop avoiding standing entirely and start building what your system needs to tolerate it again.

Most people improve gradually as the nerve settles and tolerance builds. The key is knowing how to respond — not just how to wait.

Once you can stand without bracing, the next step is building capacity across all the positions that still trigger you. That is what the free guide covers.

If standing has been a trigger and you want to know what to do first — this is your next step:

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