### Level 1 Balance Exercise #4: Foot Taps on a Cone or Step

**Objective:** This exercise helps improve coordination for going up and down the stairs.

## How to begin:

- 1. Stand tall, facing a step or cone. Beginners should use support from a counter or handrail until balance improves.
- 2. In a controlled motion, lift one foot, tap the cone or step for one second, then return to your starting position.
- 3. As you repeat this motion, you should focus on consistency and control with each tap.

## B. Start with one side and tap



A. Starting Position



#### How to progress:

- 1. If you hold on to the chair or counter, progress by holding on with only one hand.
- 2. Hold on with 2 or 3 fingers.
- 3. Hold on with one finger.
- 4. Do not hold on at all.

#### Goal:

- 1. Do \_\_\_\_ sets, \_\_\_ reps, each side
- 2. Aim to practice this balance exercise 2-3 days per week.

# C. Return to starting position and tap cone with opposite leg.

