# Effective Tips for Working Remotely

Make sure to get approval from your manager before working remotely. You will need to adhere to UNC Wilmington’s policies while conducting work from another location.

## 1. Know Your Tools
Avoid frustration & maintain productivity by testing technology & accessing files remotely before you need it. Consider forwarding your calls & learn to access voicemail remotely.

## 2. Set Your Space
Find a comfortable, quiet spot where you can focus & maintain an ergonomically-sound work environment.

## 3. Structure Your Day
As appropriate, keep your same work hours & structure your day like you were going in to the office. It’s important to maintain boundaries around hours. Plan for meal breaks just like you would in the office.

## 4. Communicate!
You won’t “see” everyone in the hallways, but it’s very important to stay connected with your coworkers & clients. Use all of your tools to stay connected – Zoom, Skype, MS Teams, phone calls & emails are just a few.

## 5. Be Proactive with Your Manager
Keep your manager up to speed on your accomplishments, struggles & areas in which you need assistance. Plan to provide regular & frequent status reports as appropriate.

## 6. Avoid Distractions
Plan your work space & schedule to minimize distractions. Limit interactions with family members, friends, & pets to break periods or after your work day ends.

## 7. Keep Healthy
Make sure you periodically stretch, walk around, & frequently look away from your screen. Use your calendar if you need a reminder!

## 8. Adhere to UNCW’s Policies
While you are working remotely, you are still “at work,” so be sure to follow UNCW’s policies including downloading apps & visiting websites on work computers.

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