Vestibular Rehabilitation
Walking in a Figure 8 Pattern

Do these exercise two times each day. If you are unsteady, you should begin by doing these exercises inside your home where you can be close to a wall. As your balance improves, you can try doing these exercises outside. Always do the exercises in a safe place.

1. Put two objects on the floor about 4 feet apart. Shoe boxes set on their side works well. Walk around these objects in a figure 8 pattern a few times. Stop for a few seconds. Repeat 3-5 times.

2. Do this exercise with just enough intensity to bring on mild to moderate dizziness. Mild to moderate dizziness = 2-3 on a 5-point scale. Your symptoms should pass within 30 seconds.

Dizziness Intensity Scale
0 = No Dizziness
1 = Slight
2 = Mild
3 = Moderate
4 = Moderate-Severe
5 = Severe

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