

Dress for Success



The job interview is your chance to make a great first impression. Wondering what to wear to an interview? The most important thing to remember is that no matter what position you apply for, you must look clean, tidy and well-dressed.

Ladies, make sure you...

- Choose a classic dark pair of solid dress pants with a conservative blouse, sweater or blazer.
- Skirts and dresses should be mid-length in tasteful, muted colors.
- Make-up should be minimal, and look fresh and clean. Aim to look refreshed and awake without looking too "done up" by using neutral colors.
- Shoes should be closed-toed flats or with a moderate heel.

and Don't...

- Don't wear tight or revealing clothing. No plunging necklines or sheer tops.
- Trendy or colorful, bright make-up, fake eyelashes and bedazzled nails should be saved for the weekend. If it looks great on Friday night, it's not appropriate for an interview!
- When they say "our dress code is casual" it doesn't mean flip flips, athletic shoes, shorts, tank tops, t-shirts or sundresses should be worn.
- Flashy or large accessories, including bracelets, rings, necklaces and earrings should be saved for another time.
- Don't use strong perfume or body spray; many people are sensitive to fragrance.





Guys, make sure...

- Dark pressed slacks with a blue or white solid long-sleeved collared shirt and tie is always the best choice. Suit or Blazer is preferred.
- Black or brown dress shoes should be scuff-free and polished.
- Give nails a trim and make sure hands are scrubbed clean
- Groom facial hair so your appearance is fresh and tidy.
- Don't forget the basics of hygiene...deodorant is a must!

and Don't...

- Crazy ties or shirts with logos are never appropriate.
- Accessories should be limited. Chains, chunky bracelets or watches, earrings and large belts need to be left at home.
- When they say "our dress code is casual" it doesn't mean athletic shoes, shorts, flip-flops, hats, baggy jeans or t-shirts should be worn.
- Strong cologne is great for a night out but not for an interview. Some people are offended by strong fragrances.

A few more tips...

- Do NOT smoke on the way to the interview. If you must have a cigarette, smoke before you leave your house so you can brush your teeth and wash your hands.
- Don't check messages, listen to music or play games while waiting for the interview to start. If possible, leave all of your electronics in the car, or at the very least, make sure they are turned off.
- Minimize unusual piercings by removing the accessory or replacing it with clear fittings for the interview.
- Keep tattoos covered with long sleeves and collars.
- Fresh breath is GREAT but don't chew gum during the interview.