



## Dress for Success

You never get a second chance to make a first impression, so make sure you leave a positive lasting impression with the interviewer by dressing professionally. You want the employer to assume this is the best you can look. Use the guide below to determine what to wear for successful interviews.

### MEN

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- The standard job interviewing attire for men is a conservative dark navy or gray two-piece business suit
- Solid color button down shirt
- Conservative tie. Avoid cartoon characters, less-than-serious graphics or theme ties.
- No distracting jewelry.
- Socks must match pants.
- Hair length should be appropriate and hair should be clean and well groomed.
- Well trimmed facial hair.
- Polished, dress shoes. Make sure the color of your shoes matches the color of your belt.
- Remember to iron your clothes!
- Your scent should leave the room when you do, so go easy on the cologne.

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- Choose a suit in a conservative color-Dark navy, gray, beige or brown.
- Pant suit or skirt suit. If you choose to wear a skirt suit make sure the skirt length is a little below your knees. Also, if you wear a skirt , make sure to wear skin-colored hosiery-no bare legs!
- Solid color button down shirt.
- Tasteful accessories (small earrings, one ring per hand maximum).
- Keep color-treated hair updated.
- Well-groomed fingernails. If you choose to wear fingernail polish, keep it a conservative color and be sure there are no chips in the polish.
- Makeup should be neat/natural.
- Polished, low-heeled dress shoes.
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