

What to Wear to Your Job Interview

Interview Attire for Men:

Clean shaven face or neatly trimmed beard

Two-piece suit

- Cleaned and pressed
- Conservative colors like navy and dark gray

Long-sleeve shirt, even in summer

White or light blue solid color

Empty pockets to eliminate bulges

Conservative tie

Belt matching color of shoes

Leather shoes, black or cordovan

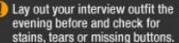
Polish night before

No earrings

Clean, trimmed fingernails

Tips

- Lay out your interview outfit the evening before and check for
- Make sure your interview clothing is clean and well pressed.
- Except for women's earrings, avoid body-piercing jewelry.
- Avoid perfume, cologne, and aftershave.
- Men should be clean-shaven. A carefully trimmed beard or mustache is also acceptable. Avoid stubble that looks like a few days of growth.
- If possible, cover your tattoos.



- Wear clothes that fit.
- Do not wear flashy jewelry or watches.

Interview Attire for Women:

Two-piece, matched suit

- Skirt should cover thighs when seated
- Navy, black, gray or dark brown

Tailored blouse, shell or knit top

- Do not show cleavage
- Avoid gaping at chest

Leather Shoes

No stilettos or platforms

Carry only one bag or tote

Avoid perfume

Avoid heavy makeup

Clean, trimmed fingernails



You only get one chance to make a good first impression with a potential employer. The clothes you wear are the first part of that first impression, so dress to impress. A business suit says you mean business, even though it may make you feel overdressed and uncomfortable. It shows that you care about making a good first impression. Thousands of people are eliminated as job candidates every week merely because they were not dressed appropriately for the interview, but a business suit is always appropriate.

Professional Attire for Women

Suit:

- Two-piece, matched suit
- Skirts, if worn, should cover thighs when seated
- When wearing a skirt, also wear nylons
- Navy, black, gray, or dark brown are preferred

Purse:

- Carry only bag or tote
- If carrying a purse, make sure it is not oversized
- Match color to outfit

Hygiene:

- Make sure to wear deodorant
- Have fresh breath
- Avoid the use of perfume
- Avoid heavy makeup
- Have clean, trimmed fingernails



Shirt:

- Tailored blouse, shell, or knit top
- Do not show cleavage
- Avoid gaping at chest

Jewelry:

- Simple necklace
- Avoid multiple piercings, body or facial
- Watch and ring are fine to wear
- Avoid multiple bracelets and rings

Pants:

- If wearing a pant suit, makes sure length is appropriate
- If you pants need tailoring, make sure to give yourself time to do it yourself or take them to get tailored

Shoes:

- Leather shoes are preferred
- No stilettos or platforms
- No open toed shoes
- Neutral color

Professional Attire for Men

Tie:

- Classic design
- Classic colors
- Should touch the top of the belt

Suit:

- Fitted
- Single breasted
- Navy, blue, black, or grey preferred
- Do not button all buttons on the suit jacket

Hygiene:

- Always wear deodorant
- Have fresh breath
- Avoid strong cologne
- Nails should be neatly trimmed



Hair:

- Simple, conservative style
- Get a haircut 3-5 days prior to interview if possible

Dress Shirt:

- Crisp, ironed
- Neutral colors: White, grey, light blue, etc.

Jewelry:

- Should be limited, remove piercings and cover tattoos whenever possible
- A watch and ring are fine to wear

Shoes:

- Should always match belt
- Polished and well-maintained
- Socks should be calf-length and should always match shoes.

