

How to Dress for an Interview: MEN

What's the appropriate dress code for an interview? The first impression you make on a potential employer is the most important, so you'll want your first impression to be a great one! The first judgment an interviewer makes is going to be based on how you look and what you are wearing. That is why it is always important to dress professionally for a job interview, even if the work environment is casual. The candidate dressed in a suit and tie is going to make a much better impression than the candidate dressed in scruffy jeans and a t-shirt; however, dress according to the job for which you are applying.

You should be doing the talking, not your clothes!

Men Business Attire

- Solid color conservative suit, long-sleeved shirt (tucked in)
- Neat hairstyle, trimmed nails, little or no cologne or after shave
- Conservative tie
- Dark socks, professional shoes
- Portfolio or briefcase



Men Business Casual Attire

- Khaki, gabardine or cotton pants, neatly pressed
- Long-sleeved button-down shirts, polo shirts, or knit shirts with a collar (tucked in)
- Sweaters
- Dark socks, leather shoes, and belt
- Tie optional



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What Not to Wear on a Job Interview

- Flip-flops or sneakers
- Any underwear that shows
- Shorts
- Jeans
- Thick beards
- Low-riding pants



What Not to Bring to a Job Interview

- Gum
- Cell phone
- I-Pod
- Coffee or soda
- If you have piercings, leave them at home
- Cover tattoos



Tips and Warnings: Perfect grooming is your first assignment when you interview for a job. According to image consultants, 55% of another person's perception of you is based on how you look. You have one chance to make a first impression; it is better to dress too formally than to dress too casually; make sure you have appropriate interview attire and that everything fits correctly.

Arrive on time, be confident about yourself, and be enthusiastic about the job!