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What do your clothes say about you?

Tips about what to wear to an interview for the type of job you are trying to get.

Guidelines

When you are preparing for an interview, there are many things you can do to make the best impression. When choosing your clothes follow these basic guidelines:

- Wear clean, neatly pressed clothes.
- Avoid anything tight fitting or clingy.
- Select a dress or skirt that is no more than two inches above your knee.
- Select pants that are the appropriate length. Your pants should cover the ankle, but not drag under the heel of your shoes.
- Select a tie that, when knotted, reaches the middle of your belt buckle.
- Clean and polish your shoes. Before your interview, double-check that they are free of mud, debris and scuffs.
- Avoid too much jewelry and too many accessories. Women should wear a necklace or scarf, a watch and no more than one ring per hand. Men should wear no more than a watch and one ring.
- Light or no fragrances.
- Remember, it's usually better to be overdressed, rather than too casual, when you go to an interview.

Clothes that say
"You're hired"



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Semi-professional

- Customer-service representative
- Bank teller
- Receptionist

Casual

- Restaurant worker
- Laborer
- Assembler / manufacturer

Professional

- High-level manager
- Salesperson
- Accountant or auditor

Your best choices

- Dress slacks or cords,
- a button-down shirt,
- a tie,
- a sport coat, and
- casual shoes.



Your best choices

- Khakis,
- a sweater, "polo" style shirt or button-down shirt, and
- casual shoes.



Your best choices

- A suit or sport jacket and slacks,
- a white or solid-colored shirt,
- a conservative tie,
- dark socks, and
- polished dress shoes.



Your best choices

- Jacket and slacks or a nice dress, or
- a skirt with a blouse,
- tights or hosiery, and
- casual shoes.



Your best choices

- Khakis and a sweater or a nice shirt, or
- skirt and top, and
- casual shoes.



Your best choices

- A dark-colored business suit,
- a solid, light-colored blouse,
- hosiery, and
- polished dress shoes.

