

## What to Wear at an Interview

Even though you might not wear a suit for the job in which you're applying, you want to make a great first impression. No need to break the bank to buy a suit; purchase the best suit you can afford within your budget guidelines. Many resale shops also carry quality suits at a reasonable price.

### General Guidelines

- Make sure your suit fits you well
- Shoes need to be polished
- Do not wear cologne, aftershave or perfume in an interview. Many people are allergic to various scents.

### Women

- Conservative suit
- If wearing a skirt, you must wear hose. The hose should be neutral in color. Make sure the skirt is not too short.
- Blouse - conservative. Avoid low cut, sheer and sleeveless shirts. You want a blouse that will look professional if you have to take your jacket off during the interview. Stay away from frilly and ruffle shirts.
- Shoes - conservative, one color, closed toe and not too high (i.e. 4" heels)
- Hair - conservative
  - If you color your hair, make sure you're not overdue for a hair appointment
- Make up - neutral colors; avoid bright red lipstick
- Nails - clean, relatively short. Pale or no nail polish.
- Jewelry - Keep bling to a minimum.
  - Earrings - conservative - no hoops or big dangling earrings
  - One earring per ear
  - Conservative watch, no bracelets
  - One ring
  - Necklace - conservative. You can't go wrong with pearls.
- Small purse and a portfolio

### Men

- Dark suit
- White shirt
- White undershirt



- Conservative tie
- Dark socks
- Professional shoes - laced are the general rule of thumb. No loafers - too casual.
- Belt to match shoes
- Limited jewelry - watch and one ring
- Neat and professional hairstyle
- Neatly trimmed nails
- Portfolio or briefcase