

Guidelines for Successful Interview Dressing—Men

Formal Business: A clean, pressed suit is the best way to go. If this is not available, a suit jacket with coordinated slacks to match is the second choice. Tie with white, blue, beige or other light colored shirt that complements the suit. Dress shoes, black or brown only. Dark socks.

This clothing style is appropriate for jobs such as:

Manager, Retail sales, Financial manager, Teacher, Medical assistant.

Informal Business: A sport coat with coordinating slacks is the first choice. If this is not available, slacks with shirt and tie are the next choice.

This clothing style is appropriate for jobs such as:

Office clerk, Counselors, Physical therapist, Security guard, Artist.

Casual wear: Clean and pressed khakis are recommended. Try to avoid wearing jeans on the job interview. A shirt with a collar is recommended, maybe knit. Complementary shoes. It is not recommended to wear sports shoes.

This clothing style is appropriate for jobs such as:

Construction, Maintenance, Repairman, Recreation counselor, Taxi driver.

Clothing Do's and Don'ts

- Do wear clean, ironed clothes.
- Do empty pockets - beware of bulging keys and tinkling change.
- Don't wear loud, bright colors such as greens, reds or purples. These colors can be used sparingly as accents or accessories.
- Don't wear jeans or t-shirts
- Do wear buttoned shirts, leaving only one or two buttons open at most, not showing chest.
- Don't wear sports clothes with emblems. Avoid clothing with large designer labels.
- Do wear a tie if possible. Make certain that it is knotted firmly, not loosely around the shirt collar.
- Do wear traditional daytime fabrics. Avoid wearing satins or leather.

Accessories Do's and Don'ts

- Do wear clean, conservative, and polished shoes. Don't wear sandals or athletic shoes, no matter how clean and new. They are considered inappropriate for an interview.
- Don't wear more than two rings.
- Don't wear any body piercing paraphernalia (earrings, nose rings, or eyebrow rings)
- Don't wear baseball caps or sunglasses.
- Don't wear chains or necklaces.
- Do wear complimentary and stylish ties. This is one piece of garment that can be eye-catching.

