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## Dress for the Job Interview

## Interview Attire Guidelines

- Research the company's dress code
- Use your best judgement and don't overthink it
- Avoid revealing clothing
- Accommodating for the climate and season
- Check for stains, snags, holes, lint, and hair
- Pressed and wrinkle free
- Clothes that make you feel comfortable and confident

When preparing for an interview, think of selecting your interview attire as the icing on the cake - that final detail that pulls all your efforts together.

When considering how to dress for an interview, use your best judgment and don't overthink it. You should choose clothes that make you feel comfortable and confident - nothing that you'd have to tug or pull at or something that would wrinkle easily on your commute to the interview.

- Avoid revealing clothing and anything that doesn't fit properly.
- Check for stains, snags, pet hair and holes. Make sure it's cleaned and ready a few days before your interview.
- The night before the interview, lay out or hang up your outfit. It should be out of reach of children, housemates or pets.


## How to match your outrit to the workplace

Because you've already researched the company, you should have a sense of the workplace and what level of formality is appropriate. Look at photos on their social media sites to get a sense of what people wear at the office.

## When in doubt, ALWAYS ChOOSE BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL. YOU WILL SEND THE WRONG MESSAGE IF YOU SHOW UP UNDERDRESSED!

## Casual Workplaces

Women

- Dark jeans, a blouse, and cardigan
- A knee-length skirt and button down shirt or blouse
- Both options can be worn with flats or heels, avoid open-toe shoes
- Dark jeans or slacks and button down shirt or
polo
Worn with any closed-toe shoes that are neat
and clean


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## Business Casual

## Women

- Black or navy dress pants or pencil skirt
- Button down shirt and cardigan or jacket
- Flats or heels are appropriate


## Men

- Black or navy dress slacks with a belt, button down shirt, and tie
- A blazer is optional
- Oxfords or loafers


## Business Professional/Formal

Women

- Tailored dress with matching jacket
- Or, suit pants or skirt with matching jacket

Men

- Suit pants and jacket with a button down shirt and tie


