

# **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, <u>use your best judgment and don't overthink it</u>. 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 OUTFIT 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, <u>ALWAYS</u> CHOOSE BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL. YOU WILL SEND THE WRONG MESSAGE IF YOU SHOW UP UNDERDRESSED!

### **CASUAL WORKPLACES**

<u>Women</u>

- 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

Men

- Dark jeans or slacks and button down shirt or polo
- Worn with any closed-toe shoes that are neat and clean



#### **BUSINESS CASUAL**

<u>Women</u>

- 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

