

DRESS FOR SUCCESS TIPS

Although you don't have to be America's next Top Model, you do have to dress professionally and **appearances do**, absolutely, **count** in the business world.

What should I wear to an interview? How should I dress on my new job?

Remember, it is always best to err on the side of conservatism if you are unsure how to dress, and especially in new circumstances. You can always dress in a more relaxed fashion down the road as you observe what other employees are wearing in the company. However, it may take you awhile to regain some lost respect if you are new to the job and you appear on the scene inappropriately sporting that oh-so-casual look.

To Dress for Success follow these tips:

Men:

1. Wear a solid color conservative suit, blue, black, brown or gray.
2. Make sure the suit fits properly, is clean, pressed and is not too tight or too baggy
3. White long sleeve shirt
4. Conservative tie
5. Dark socks, professional shoes --polished
6. Keep hair neatly trimmed and hairsprays and gels to a minimum
7. Shave and neatly trim facial hair
8. Nails should be at the very least, clean and evenly filed.
9. Don't use too much cologne or after shave
10. No piercings, please.
11. Use deodorant.
12. Don't smoke or eat garlic, onions, or have a strong drink before the interview
13. Limit jewelry
14. Make sure to try on your outfit BEFORE the day of the interview
15. Carry a portfolio or briefcase



Women:

1. Wear a solid color conservative suit, blue, black, brown or gray.
2. With a coordinated blouse
3. Skin colored hosiery
4. Make sure the suit fits properly, is clean, pressed and is not too tight or too baggy
5. Wear low heeled pumps--polished, no sandals please.
6. Keep hair neatly trimmed and hairsprays and gels to a minimum
7. Don't get a fresh perm
8. Don't wear too much makeup and watch out for lipstick on your teeth
9. Shave (everywhere that is appropriate)
10. Nails should be at the very least, clean and evenly filed
11. Use caution when selecting nail polish --not too bright
12. Don't use too much perfume.
13. No piercings, please.
14. Use deodorant.
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