

## How to Dress for an Interview

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The first impression you make on a potential employer is the most important one.

- Be polite and courteous from the moment you arrive at the company (the secretary, the custodian, etc.)
- Have a firm hand shake
- Genuine smile
- Be early (aim for 10-15 minutes early) NEVER late

One of the first judgments an interviewer makes is going to be based on how you look and what you are wearing. That's why it's always important to dress appropriately for a job interview, even if the work environment is casual.

### What to wear?

- clean clothing
- a nice shirt, nothing too casual , nothing with a slogan or a funny image
- cotton pants
- knee length skirts/dresses

### What Not to Bring to the Interview

- Gum
- Cell phone
- I pod
- Coffee or soda
- If you have lots of piercings, leave some of your rings at home (earrings only)
- Cover tattoos

### Interview Attire Tips

- Before you even think about going on an interview, make sure you have appropriate interview attire and everything fits correctly.
- Get your clothes ready the night before, so you don't have to spend time getting them ready on the day of the interview.
- Think about what shoes you will wear, make sure that they are clean
- Bring a breath mint and use it before you enter the building.
- Dress for the job you want, i.e. if you want to be a manager, dress like a manager
- For the women, make up should be subtle
- Dress slightly better than you would if you were an employee