

# DRESS FOR SUCCESS: FOR THE INTERVIEW

## WOMEN



**The Look:** You want the interviewer to remember what you said, not what you wore. We recommend simple makeup and natural or subtle colored nail polish. Cover up tattoos and noticeable body piercings. Wear little or no perfume and jewelry.

**Blouse:** Wear a nice blouse that compliments your suit. Avoid low cut or see through fabrics.



*Revealing clothes could distract or offend.*

**Suit:** Wear colors such as gray, blue, black, subtle patterns, etc. Two-piece suit with either a knee-length skirt or slacks.



*Avoid jeans, short skirts, dirty, baggy or torn clothes.*

**Accessories:** Bring a portfolio to carry your résumé to avoid folding it. Be sure to silence your phone and watch to avoid being distracted.



*Do not wear headphones, earbuds, sunglasses, or excessive jewelry. Avoid anything flashy or noisy.*

**Shoes:** Wear comfortable, closed-toe dress shoes (low heels or flats).



*You want to look and feel comfortable and prepared in case of a tour of facilities.*

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## MEN



**The Look:** You want the interviewer to remember what you said, not what you wore. We recommend well-groomed hair, nails and a trimmed beard or clean shave. Cover up any tattoos and body piercings, and use very little or no cologne.

**Shirt:** Wear a white or light colored long-sleeve dress shirt. We recommend you know your collar (neck) size and arm length for a fitted and comfortable look.



*Avoid t-shirts or polos.*

**Suit:** Wear navy, charcoal grey, black, or a subtle pattern two-piece suit. We recommend you know your jacket size and arm length for a custom fit.



*Make sure your pants are fitted and not dragging on the floor. Stay away from jeans, dirty, baggy or torn clothes.*

**Tie:** Choose a color that compliments your suit or shirt in a subtle pattern or solid color.



*A bow-tie is not recommended for an interview.*

**Accessories:** Use a portfolio to hold your résumé without folding it.



*Do not wear headphones or sunglasses. Avoid flashy jewelry.*

**Shoes:** Wear polished dress shoes with dress socks that match your suit. Make sure your belt matches the color of your shoes.



*Avoid casual shoes or sneakers.*

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