Professional Dress Tips for an Interview

Men's Interview Attire

- Suit (solid color - navy or dark grey)
- Long sleeve shirt (white or coordinated with the suit)
- Belt
- Tie
- Dark socks, conservative leather shoes
- Little or no jewelry
- Neat, professional hairstyle
- Limit the aftershave
- Neatly trimmed nails
- Portfolio or briefcase

Women's Interview Attire

- Suit (navy, black or dark grey)
- The suit skirt should be long enough so you can sit down comfortably
- Coordinated blouse
- Conservative shoes
- Limited jewelry (no dangling earrings or arms full of bracelets)
- No jewelry is better than cheap jewelry
- Professional hairstyle
- Neutral pantyhose
- Light make-up and perfume
- Neatly manicured clean nails
- Portfolio or briefcase
### What to Wear to Your Job Interview

#### Interview Attire for Men:
- **Clean shaven face or neatly trimmed beard**
- **Two-piece suit**
  - Cleaned and pressed
  - Conservative colors like navy and dark gray
- **Long-sleeve shirt, even in summer**
  - White or light blue solid color
- **Empty pockets to eliminate bulges**
- **Conservative tie**
- **Belt matching color of shoes**
- **Leather shoes, black or cordovan**
  - Polish night before
- **No earrings**
- **Clean, trimmed fingernails**

#### Tips
1. Lay out your interview outfit the evening before and check for stains, tears or missing buttons.
2. Make sure your interview clothing is clean and well pressed.
3. Except for women’s earrings, avoid body-piercing jewelry.
4. Avoid perfume, cologne, and aftershave.
5. Men should be clean-shaven. A carefully trimmed beard or mustache is also acceptable. Avoid stubble that looks like a few days of growth.
6. If possible, cover your tattoos.
7. Wear clothes that fit.
8. Do not wear flashy jewelry or watches.

#### Interview Attire for Women:
- **Two-piece, matched suit**
  - Skirt should cover thighs when seated
  - Navy, black, gray or dark brown
- **Tailored blouse, shell or knit top**
  - Do not show cleavage
  - Avoid gaping at chest
- **Leather Shoes**
  - No stilettos or platforms
- **Carry only one bag or tote**
- **Avoid perfume**
- **Avoid heavy makeup**
- **Clean, trimmed fingernails**

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You only get one chance to make a good first impression with a potential employer. The clothes you wear are the first part of that first impression, so dress to impress. A business suit says you mean business, even though it may make you feel overdressed and uncomfortable. It shows that you care about making a good first impression. Thousands of people are eliminated as job candidates every week merely because they were not dressed appropriately for the interview, but a business suit is always appropriate.