

Dress to Impress—Men

After your résumé, your appearance is the first thing an employer is likely to evaluate you on. (At Job Fairs it will be first.) You want to make sure that you look your best and present yourself in a professional manner.

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A first impression can only be enhanced by proper dress for an interview or any business function. Since the first impression is often extremely important, taking a moment to dress properly can mean the difference between getting the job and having to keep on looking!

Today some companies have a "business casual" dress policy in their workplace and in Florida especially, some companies even have a "shorts and t-shirts" dress policy. **THIS DOES NOT MEAN YOU SHOULD DRESS TO THEIR DRESS CODE!** You should dress to impress on the interview. This demonstrates to the employer that you are serious about their company, their job opening, and understand professional expectations. If you are unsure about what type of dress is expected, dress conservatively.



Men's Professional Dress

For Men Traditional Business Attire means a dark conservative suit and a white, long-sleeved pressed dress shirt.

Overall

- Blacks, Navy Blue and Brown are good colors
- Avoid overly bright colors

Ties

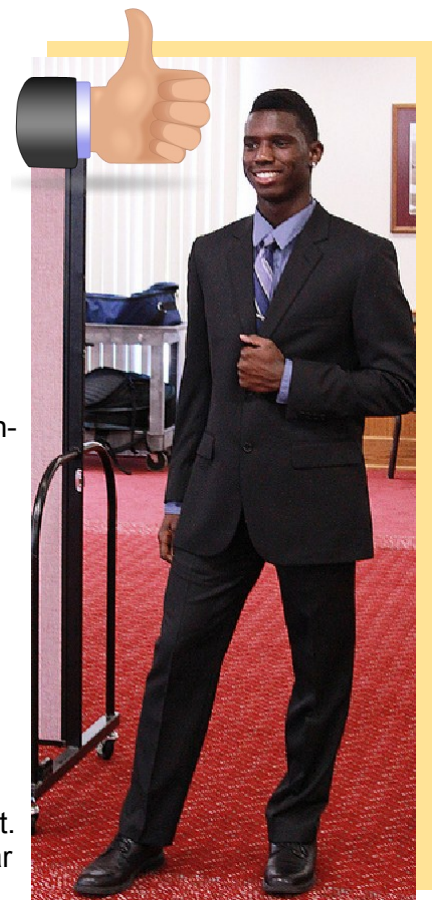
- Wear a silk tie, they have the best appearance
- Make sure it coordinates with the overall look
- Don't wear a tie that is overly distracting or potentially offensive

Pants

- Do NOT wear jeans
- Do NOT wear shorts
- Make sure pants coordinate with suit jacket and overall look

Shoes, Socks and Belt

- Wear a nice pair of polished dress shoes
- No Flip-Flops
- No Sneakers
- Make sure belt, socks and shoes match your suit. (For example if you are wearing a black suit wear black shoes, socks and belt.)



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Additional Tips

- Be well-groomed and clean-shaven. If you have a beard make sure it is neatly trimmed.
- Remove any earrings or other body jewelry that is visible.
- Do not use excessive cologne or after shave lotion.
- Short hair is recommended but if you have long hair, pull it back in a neat pony tail so it is out of your face.
- Make sure your tattoos are covered!
- Make sure your clothing is in good repair, clean and pressed before your interview or event. Try to have more than one suit or professional dress option available for site visits, busy interview schedules and several rounds of interviewing.

Business Casual

If you are unable to dress in full professional dress, try to wear business casual.

Shirts

- Wear a nice pressed shirt with long sleeves and a collar
- Make sure the shirt is not too bright or colorful
- Pinstripes are good but try to avoid overly decorative shirts such as plaids and polka dots

Ties

- If possible wear a tie
- Wear a silk tie, they have the best appearance
- Make sure it coordinates with the overall look
- Don't wear a tie that is overly distracting or potentially offensive

Pants

- Wear a pair of nice black slacks or khakis
- Do NOT wear jeans
- Do NOT wear shorts
- Make sure pants coordinate with suit jacket and overall look

Shoes, Socks and Belt

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- No Flip-Flops
- No Sneakers
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Remember!!!

**Appropriate attire is a must for the job seeker!
Make sure your first impression is a good one.**

