

## **How to Dress for an Interview: WOMEN**

What's the appropriate dress code for an interview? You will want that first impression to be a great one! The first impression you make on a potential employer is the most important. The first judgment an interviewer makes is going to be based on how you look and what you are wearing. That is why it is always important to dress professionally for a job interview, even if the work environment is casual. The candidate dressed in a suit and tie is going to make a much better impression than the candidate dressed in scruffy jeans and a t-shirt; however, dress according to the job for which you are applying.

***You should be doing the talking, not your clothes!***

### **Women Business Attire**

- **Solid color, conservative suit with coordinated blouse, moderate shoes, limited jewelry**
- **Neat, professional hairstyle, manicured nails, light make-up, little or no perfume**
- **A good quality leather portfolio will impress more than a loud, colorful bag.**
- **Not more than one ring per hand; dress watch**



### **Women Business Casual Attire**

- **Khaki, corduroy, twill or cotton pants or skirts, neatly pressed**
- **Sweaters, twinsets, cardigans, polo/knit shirts**
- **Solid colors work better than bright patterns.**
- **Dressy button down shirt, neatly tucked in**



## What Not to Wear on a Job Interview

- Flip-flops or sneakers
- Any underwear that shows
- Shorts or Jeans
- Skirts that are too short; Pants that are too low-rise or too tight
- Blouses that are too low-cut or too short; do not show your cleavage or your belly.
- Strapless or spaghetti strap dresses



## What Not to Bring to the Interview

- Gum
- Cell phone
- I-Pod
- Coffee or soda
- If you have piercings, leave them at home.
- Cover tattoos.



**Tips and Warnings:** Perfect grooming is your first assignment when you interview for a job. According to image consultants, 55% of another person's perception of you is based on how you look. You have one chance to make a first impression; it is better to dress too formally than to dress too casually; make sure you have appropriate interview attire and everything fits correctly.

***Arrive on time, be confident about yourself, and be enthusiastic about the job!***