

**DRESS FOR SUCCESS – MEN**

**Men’s Business Professional –Interview Clothing**

* Wear a conservative, dark suit in solid colors or subtle pin-stripe in black, brown, navy or grey
* Keep jackets buttoned when standing, unbuttoned when seated; so avoid double-breasted jackets
* Check fit: sleeve hem should fall ½ inch below wrist and shirt hem should fall ½ inch below jacket hem
* Wear suit pants that match in color and fabric
* Check fit: pant hem should have a slight crease in front and reach the top of the shoe and top of heel in back.
* Wear a conservative tie in pattern and color
* Tie length should just reach your belt
* Wear a white or light blue long sleeve, collared shirt
* Press shirt with starch or dry clean
* Check fit: shirt sleeve hem should extend ½ inch beyond jacket sleeve hem
* Polished leather conservative style shoes in black or brown
* Wear dark, calf-length, socks that match shoes in black or brown
* Wear a belt matched to shoe color
* Earrings may not appeal to conservative recruiters
* Wear minimal or no jewelry other than a conservative watch
* Fresh haircut is recommended, long hair may present a barrier to hire for some employers, facial hair should be neatly groomed, clean-shaven is best.

**Prepare For the Interview**

* Dry clean suit one week prior, unpack and press clothing the night before the interview
* Remove lint, dangling threads, and tacking stitches found in new suits
* Bring a portfolio to house resumes, business cards, pen and notepad, don’t bring a backpack to interviews
* Cover tattoos and piercings with clothing, other than ears.
* Make sure all clothing is clean, pressed, hemmed and fits appropriately
* Avoid strong after-shave or cologne