

WHAT TO WEAR TO AN INTERVIEW

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Congratulations! You got the interview! Now it's time to decide what to wear. How you present yourself will speak volumes about your confidence and interest level. Follow these tips and you'll be sure to make a great first impression:

What to Wear

Shave facial hair the morning of the interview.

Wear a traditional dark blue, grey, or black suit with a shirt and tie.

Add a pop of color with a conservative, yet stylish tie.

Make sure your shoes are shined and choose dark socks.

Keep your hair neat and make-up to the minimum.

Choose a dark-colored suit (pants or skirt) with a conservative top under your blazer.

If you'd like to wear jewelry, stick to just one or two pieces.

Choose flats or low-heels that coordinate with your outfit.

No suit in your closet?

Choose a button-up shirt, tie, and dress pants.

Wear a knee-length skirt or dress pants with a sweater or blouse.

What NOT to Wear

Ties with cartoon characters, sports teams, etc. (Sure, they're fun, but not for the interview.)

Sandals or open-toed shoes. (Save those for the beach.)

Flashy, distracting jewelry. (You want the interviewer to remember you, not your jewelry.)

The whole bottle of cologne or perfume. (One spritz is all you need, trust us!)

Additional Tips

Don't break the bank. Designer business attire is not necessary. How well your suit fits is often more important than the suit itself. If you're on a budget, shop your local consignment shops or thrift stores.

Be comfortable. Interviewing can be stressful. Don't add to the stress by wearing something that is binding or requires adjusting. Aim for classy comfort.

Don't forget to iron. Even the most professional outfit can look disheveled when wrinkled.

Try everything on the day before. Check for fit, missing buttons, snags in the fabric, etc. You don't want to be scrambling to fix something at the last minute.

Arrive early. This will give you time to visit the restroom to freshen up, if needed.

Keep in mind that these are only guidelines and may not be appropriate for every situation. If you're unsure about your interview attire, get in touch with your Advantage Resourcing recruiter. We're here to help you ace the interview!

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