



INTERVIEW ATTIRE TIPS FOR MEN

Professional image entails maintaining your respectable appearance. Always remember to dress for the position you hope to obtain one day.

- “Present yourself as a professional. Clothes should be fitted, not too short and not too tight.” – Holly Strool, personal image consultant, Nordstrom Westside Pavilion, Los Angeles.
- “Dress for the interview or dress for the job – but don’t dress for a party.” – Monica Stevens, vice president and MBA recruiting director, Wells Fargo, San Francisco.
- “Your attire shouldn’t be distracting or become the focus of attention in the interview or on the job. You want the focus to be on you and what you have to say.” – Belinda Stubblefield, vice president of global diversity, Delta Air Lines, Atlanta.

JACKET

- Does not wrinkle or pull across the back and buttons easily
- Sleeve length at wrist bone or just below
- Length must cover buttocks
- Collar lies flat against the shirt
- Never button the bottom button
- Leather or metal buttons on sport coat only

TROUSERS

- Just breaking in the front
- If uncuffed, tapered toward the back
- Fall straight from buttocks
- Fit above stomach
- Pockets remain flat, no bulging
- Well pressed

SHIRT

- No wrinkles in collar, cuffs or facing
- Collar loose enough for one finger to fit in neckline
- Sleeves extend one-eighth to one-fourth inch below the jacket
- No short sleeves with suit jackets and wear an undershirt

TIE

- Ends at the top of the belt line
- Width matches to lapel width
- Pattern small to medium
- No tie tack or clip
- Tie knot is balanced with shirt collar

SHOES

- Shoes should be polished and look new – good quality – no boots
- Dark colors with thin soles

SOCKS

- Blend with trousers and shoes
- Long enough to cover calf; no skin showing when you sit or cross legs
- Subtle patterns that resemble solid from a distance

JEWELRY

- No bracelets, chains, piercings, earrings or fancy rings
- No heavy sport watches or calculators
- Cuff links, simple, small size; no fancy or clear stones for daytime
- Silver-toned cuff links with silver watch; gold toned with gold watch

GROOMING

- Short neat hair style; does not touch shirt collar
- Hair in nose and ears are trimmed
- Avoid excessive gels and lotions
- Mustache well-trimmed
- Avoid heavy colognes
- Clean and trimmed fingernails
- Beard recommended only to cover imperfections
- Cover tattoos
- Fresh breath

OTHER ACCESSORIES

- Pocket square that complements tie, never identical to it
- No tinted glasses
- Belt color matches shoes and the belt should not have a large buckle; should be simple, classic design and it must be in good condition

