

DRESS THE PART

FOR MEN



NEAT & CLEAN

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LONG SLEEVE

A long sleeve does a couple things. It gives you a clean and polished look and hides any creativity inked on your arm.

TUCKED SHIRT

Although casual is quick and easy, take the time to tuck in that shirt and straighten your button line, so that your shirt, tie and pants are all in alignment.

PRESSED PANTS

Preparation is key! Before you put those pants on have them pressed. Throwing them in the dryer doesn't count!

NO SHOES, NO SERVICE

The one thing that can ruin the impression of professionalism in a jiffy is foot wear. Stick with dress shoes that are polished and clean.

LONG HAIR

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IRONIC TEE

The irony is that this T-shirt is the reason you did NOT get the job, but it does get a laugh... behind your back after you leave.

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SHORTS

The only thing shorter than this clothing option are your prospects of getting the job. Showing your legs is an employer's the quickest way to cap your chances of success.

"SOCK IT" TO ME

Andies? No Thanks! To put your best foot forward it should be in a sock and a dress shoe.

BTW, blue & black socks are not the same. So turn on the light before you put them on.

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LOOP DE LOOP

Earrings can give an outfit the extra pop, but in this case it is more of a blast blowing away your opportunity to have a potential employer focus on you and not your earrings.

UNDERGARMENTS

Undergarments should be, just that, under your garments. Employers do not want to see your under-clothing peeking through your outfit.

TANK TOP

It may be hot outside, but this tank is only going to burn out your job search. Cover up your assets, front and back.

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"HOLE'Y MOLEY

Although pants with built in air conditioning may be tempting, these pants are screaming to employers, "Take me and my career to the L.A. for emergency resuscitation."

BTW: When in a skirt a "mini" is too much, around the knee is just right.

CAT FIGHT

Leopard print is an interview no-no especially in a sandal, along with seeing your toes and where they meet. To put your best foot forward it should be in a sockstocking and a closed toe dress shoe.

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KEEP IT SIMPLE

Jewelry is optional, and if you decide to add some glam to your look, the simpler the better. Employers don't want you to flaunt your bling.

JACKET

A quick way to step up an outfit is to put on a jacket or cardigan. The blouse/shirt and pants should be appropriate, the 3rd piece says professional.

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POLISHED NAILS

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