

3 Tips for How to Dress for an Interview for Women

Choose professional attire to make the best impression possible

When women are choosing how to dress for an interview, the most important thing to remember is to look professional. You want your clothes to convey that you are serious about the job and that you respect the interviewer.

1. Wear a professional suit or business outfit.

- Wear a well-fitting two-piece suit in a solid color, such as black, brown, navy, or gray with a coordinated blouse.
- If a suit is not possible, wear a nice blouse with a skirt or dress pants, or a solid-color dress.
- Skirts should cover your thighs when sitting. Necklines should not be revealing.
- Wear shoes that are closed-toe and match your outfit. No sandals, flip flops, clogs, or very high heels. Shoes should not be scuffed or worn out.

2. Limit your accessories: how to handle tattoos, makeup, and jewelry.

- Wear understated jewelry, such as a single chain necklace, simple ring, or a watch. No large dangly earrings, big bracelets, or heavy necklaces.
- If you get your nails done, choose a moderate color and shorter length for your nails.
- Use only light makeup on the day of the interview.
- Do not wear perfume.
- Wear your hair in a neat, trim style
- Wear clothing that covers your tattoos and piercings if possible.

3. Bring only a small bag or purse and turn off your phone.

- A small portfolio-sized binder that can hold copies of your resume, references, and a pen should be all you need. This looks more professional than bringing a purse.
- If you do bring a purse or a bag, make sure it is small, neat-looking, and not overstuffed.
- Be sure your cell phone is turned off and stored out of sight for the entire interview.

Using these tips on how to dress for an interview, take one last look in the mirror, take a deep breath, and get ready to make a good impression!

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