

# JOB SEARCH TIP SERIES

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### DRESS FOR SUCCESS

#### TIPS FOR MEN:

- Dress in a manner that is professionally appropriate to the position for which you are applying. In almost all cases, this means wearing a suit even if the job you are applying for does not require you to wear a suit. When in doubt, go conservative: solid-color, conservative suit with a white, long-sleeved shirt with a tie, and dark-colored socks with professional shoes.
- Your suit should be comfortable and fit you well so that you look and act your best.
- Avoid loud colors and flashy ties.
- Clothing should be neat, clean and pressed. Shower or bathe the morning of the interview. Wear deodorant. Don't wear cologne or aftershave. You don't want to smell overpowering or cause an allergic reaction.
- Make sure you have fresh breath. Brush your teeth before you leave for the interview, and don't eat before the interview. Don't smoke right before an interview.
- Your hair should be neat, clean and conservative. Limit jewelry; a watch will be fine, but avoid chains and piercings.
- Carry a portfolio or briefcase.

#### TIPS FOR WOMEN:

- Generally, you should wear a suit with a skirt or pants. Suits should be simple and dark in color. Knee-length skirts are suggested. Your suit should be comfortable and fit you well. Wear a conservative blouse with your suit. Do not wear bright colors, animal prints, or anything lacy, sheer or low-cut. Your hose should be a neutral color.
- Make-up and nail polish should be understated and flattering. Keep your jewelry and hair accessories to a minimum.
- Shoes should be conservative and fairly low-heeled. Do not wear shoes with an open toe or back.
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- Clothing should be neat, clean and pressed. Shower or bathe the morning of the interview. Wear deodorant. Do not wear perfume. You don't want to smell overpowering or cause an allergic reaction.
- Your hair should be neat, clean and conservatively styled. The idea is to look polished and professional.