



A QUICK GUIDE ON  
**WHAT TO WEAR**  
FOR A **JOB INTERVIEW**

NON-CORPORATE  
INDUSTRIES AND SKILLED TRADE

*what you wear  
does make a difference!*



**33%**

of employers reported that they know whether they're going to hire a candidate **WITHIN** go **SECONDS** of the interview



**WEAR YOUR BEST**

This doesn't necessarily mean your Sunday best. Wear the best version of what other people are wearing in the workplace. If it's tees and jeans, that's great! Just make sure the ones you wear are spot, stain and tear-free.

**COVER UP**

Avoid items that are too tight or too short from pants to shirts and skirts. Skip the tank tops, sleeveless shirts and tees and spaghetti straps.

**65%**

of employers said clothing is sometimes the deciding factor between two similar candidates.



**55%**

of first impressions are created by how you are dressed and how you act throughout the interview.



**DON'T UNDERDRESS**

Shorts, flip-flops and statement shirts (slogans, funny captions or distracting designs) are not acceptable for interviews even in the most casual of environments.

**UNSURE WHAT TO WEAR?**

Visit the company website and social media pages to see what employees might be wearing on the job. It's also acceptable to ask the hiring manager or the person scheduling your interview what's acceptable. If you are still unsure -- it's much better to over dress and go for a more formal look than to go too casual.

**ESSENTIALS ONLY!**

Carry a portfolio, professional bag or simple purse. Portfolios are amazing at keeping you organized. You can store your resume, transcripts, references, notes and other necessities all in one place. No matter what you choose, make sure you keep your cellphone turned off and out of sight with personal items.

*general recommendations*  
IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FIRST IMPRESSION!

Your clothes should **\* fit well, \* be in good condition, and \* be wrinkle & lint free**



**HAIR**

\* Well groomed



**NAILS & MAKEUP**

\* Natural in style



**JEWELRY & FRAGRANCE**

\* Opt for moderate jewelry & mild fragrances



**PIERCINGS & TATTOOS**

\* Align to company culture or standards



**SHOES**

\* Neat & clean  
\* **NO** flip flops or anything too casual