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## Suiting Up: How to Dress for the Interview

Congratulations on landing the interview! Your resume helped you get your foot in the door, but now it's crucial that you make a good first impression. But, this is nearly impossible to do if your attire is not up to par. Read on for tips on how to dress for your interview.

### Do Your Research

It's important that you know the tone of the dress code at the business you'll be interviewing with. If possible, ask someone who works there, or is familiar with the dress code. When in doubt, it's better to be overdressed rather than underdressed.

(If it's a formal interview, and you don't have a business suit, consider borrowing one from a friend or family member before making the investment.)

### Keep it Simple!

Let your personality and experience be the things that stand out and make a lasting impression. Don't try to do it with a crazy outfit or wild hair. Even if this you feel that this expresses your personality, tone it down. If you're dressed like you're going to a party rather than an interview, it *will* leave a lasting impression, although most likely a negative one. Opt for professional, yet simple clothing and colors.

### Polish your Look

To complete the overall look, pay attention to the smaller things. This shows that you make an effort to pay attention to details. Shoes need to be polished, and clean. Your clothes should be free of wrinkles. Also, your hair should be out of your face (this goes for both women and men), and avoid wearing too much cologne or perfume. If you're wearing a belt, ensure that it matches or complements your shoes. (Avoid wearing black shoes and a brown belt.)

### Bring Your Confidence

Above all else, be sure to take your confidence and a smile with you to top off your appearance and make a great first impression!

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