

## Interview Tips – What to Wear

Most employers will expect you to dress smartly for an interview unless the role requires you to show your personality, fashion sense or stated otherwise by an employer. Research the company, particular sector or even contact the HR department if you are worrying, but the safe option is usually to dress smartly.

When going to an interview, it would be advisable to:

- Avoid colourful clothing and big accessories, which could be distracting.
- Tailored clothing, e.g. trousers, skirts, dresses, blazers, shirts.
- Ties are not always required, but research the specific industry and business before to evaluate how formal it is.
- No logos or ripped jeans.
- Dress like you would for a family party, not a night on the town!
- Choose your outfit in advance, try it on beforehand to make sure it fits comfortably and ensure it is well ironed.
- Make sure you feel comfortable and your self-confidence will shine through!

If the dress-code is ‘**smart-casual**’, find a good mix between the two and still aim to look more smart than casual.

If you are applying for a role within the fashion or creative industries, then the employer will be more likely to expect you to demonstrate your personality and creative flair.

If you’re not sure where to find professional clothing, there are a number of businesses who will be able to help you out:

- <http://smartworks.org.uk/>
- <http://www.thesuitworks.co.uk/>
- <http://www.suitedforsuccess.co.uk/>