



# DRESS CODES DECODED



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## CASUAL

Very "laid back" office  
or formal gathering  
with friends/family  
members

**Man**  
Remove all  
hats indoors



**Woman**  
Fashion hats  
worn before  
6 pm



### Tips

- General weekend wear
- Avoid t-shirts with disrespectful logos or sayings
- Resist the urge to overdress

## BUSINESS CASUAL

"Non-formal" office or  
after hours

Closed shoes  
and socks



No bare  
shoulders



- No to the 4 Bs: Beach, Barbell (gym) Bar and Boudoir wear
- No flip flops
- Dressy jeans when accepted

### Tips

## BUSINESS FORMAL

Professional office, cocktail  
or reception  
Invitation is for  
before 6 pm



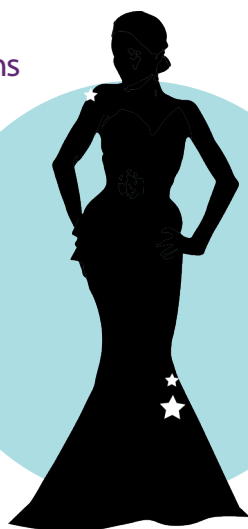
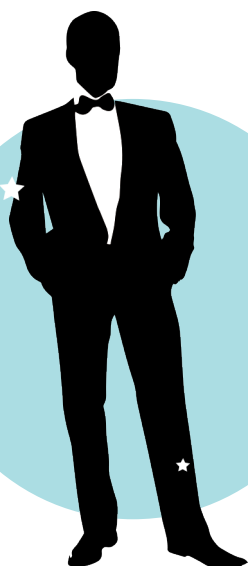
- Suit
- Dress shirt
- Tie
- Leather Shoes

### Tips

- Skirt or pant suit
- Dress shirt or top
- Day Dress
- Closed shoe and stockings

## BLACK TIE

Evening event; a ball,  
the opera, or receptions



- Black or dark blue tux
- White dress shirt
- Silk bow tie
- Cufflinks
- Black patent leather shoes

### Tips

- Floor length gown
- Tea length dress (to the calf)
- Gloves are optional
- Evening shoes

**STICKY SITUATION:** You receive an invitation with no mention of the type of attire.

**SOLUTION:** When in doubt, find out. It is always appropriate to call the host, organizer or coordinator to inquire.



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