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Black Tie Formal Attire - Men

A tuxedo or formal dinner jacket is appropriate to wear for a black tie required event. Tuxedos are defined by satin lapels on the jackets, satin button finishes, a satin stripe down the leg of the trouser (some exceptions), and formal shoes. They can be worn with bow ties or a euro (long) neckwear, vests or cummerbunds as accessories, and formal shirts require studs and cufflinks. Most popular tuxedos will be black in color, but modern tuxedos can be other colors including grey, navy, white or patterns. Suits or sport coats are too casual, and not considered black tie dress code appropriate.



DO'S

Black Tie Formal Attire Examples - Men



DON'TS

Examples of suit and sport coat looks that are too casual for a black tie required dress code event.



Black Tie Formal Attire - Women

Evening gowns and elegant suits are the standard fare for black tie and should be the first consideration for women shopping for this type of dress code. More specifically, guests can go all out with a trumpet or ball gown silhouette, formal cocktail dresses, or keep it simple with a dressy sheath made from rich fabrics and fine details. And while the silhouette of your ensemble can vary based on the venue, season, and locale of the event, one aspect that can't be compromised is the length of a dress, with floor-length looks being the recommended choice for black-tie affairs.



DO'S

Black Tie Formal Attire Examples - Women



DON'TS

Examples of looks that are too casual for a black tie required dress code event.

