Causal is basically a non-dress code, and you can wear comfortable clothing.

**BUSINESS CASUAL**

Wear a pair of nice khaki pants paired with a polo shirt or other colored shirt. Boat shoes are appropriate.

- **FOR HIM:** Think Banana Republic. Ties, slacks, jeans, and sneakers are one appropriate. You may skimp, but you should not stop up to our match with khakis, cargos, a polo shirt or henley and shift it in just fine.
  - *Avoid* informal or otherwise offensive graphic tees!

- **FOR HER:** Pull out your knitted sweater. You can mix and match a comfortable top or dress shirt with a pair of in-kind jewelry or even be basic. Depending on the nature of the event, your business may range simply from sneakers to heels.
  - *Skinny* or *slouchy* sweaters are better as much can sink into soft bamboo.

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**SMART CASUAL**

Smart Casual (or dressy casual) is basically a combination of causal, business casual, and business dress codes, where you can combine them into a "smart" ensemble.

Dress pants or khakis with a fashionable top is appropriate. A causal skirt is also an option. Feel free to dress up your outfit with jewelry, and/or occasional dressing.

- **FOR HIM:** This is your opportunity to pick dressing with a sport-casual look. Khakis, trousers, shirts and ties are other great options to bring in the mix.
  - *Opt* for jeans, your denim should look somewhat skin-tight, fresh and sharp with no wear or holes.

- **FOR HER:** It's a good idea to go with nice slacks or a skirt, though you could also wear nice pair of dark jeans dressed up with a collared or otherwise chic top. This is a more on an extra touch of class.
  - *For Smart Casual, you should look sharp, stylish and neatly put together.

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**BUSINESS/INFORMAL**

Informal attire may be a mismatch on its dress code due to a bit of formality (not to be confused with Casual attire). Business and Informal attire is more sophisticated than Smart Casual, often signaling the need for suit, tie, and dresses.

- **FOR HIM:** Wear a business suit with the tie. You may also opt for nice shoes with a sports jacket and tie.

- **FOR HER:** Wear a business suit or business style dress with heels (high or low).

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**SEMI-FORMAL**

Semi-formal attire is more fancy than business attire but just a notch below formal tuxedos and fancy gowns.

- **FOR HIM:** Wear a dark suit with white tie.

- **FOR HER:** This is the perfect time to break out that little black dress. Most women will wear a classic short evening dress, though you may also opt for separates.

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**FORMAL / BLACK TIE / BLACK TIE OPTIONAL**

Formal, Black Tie and Black Tie Optional events are among the most fancy of all dress codes, and you will likely be surrounded by a crowd full of tuxedos and floor-length gowns.

- **FOR HIM:** Wear a tuxedo with all the bells, rings, cummerbund, cufflinks, etc. For Black Tie, you may also opt to wear a classic suit with white shirt and bon ton conservative tie.

- **FOR HER:** You are required wearing a long, floor-length evening dress. A variety of your part in a ball can vary or may also be appropriate.

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**For Reference:**

- The website [Saratoga.com](http://Saratoga.com) offers information on what to wear for various occasions, as well as tips on choosing the right outfits for different events. The website provides guidance on how to look sharp, stylish and neatly put together for different occasions, such as casual, business casual, smart casual, business/informal, semi-formal, formal, black tie, and black tie optional events. The website also offers information on how to choose the right outfits for different settings, such as formal events, where a tuxedo with all the bells, rings, cummerbund, cufflinks, etc. may be appropriate.