

COMMON AND AVOIDABLE INTERVIEWING MISTAKES

There are many job interview faux pas you may never have thought of. Or that you may have forgotten. So a little refresher course may prove invaluable. For your reading pleasure, here are some too common and avoidable interviewing mistakes.

1. Arriving too early or late
2. Shaking hands too firmly, or too weakly
3. Failing to make eye contact and/or making continuous eye contact
4. Talking negatively about a past boss/employer
5. Wearing the wrong clothes for the workplace
6. Failing to research the employer in advance
7. Asking about salary and benefits too soon
8. Being unprepared to answer “the usual” questions
9. Being unable to explain how your experience and skills match the job in question
10. Failing to make a strong case for why you’re the best person for the job
11. Sounding overly desperate, rehearsed or oversharing
12. Neglecting to bring extra copies of your resume and/or forgetting what your resume says
13. Failing to listen carefully and/or interrupting the interviewer
14. Slouching, yawning, chewing gum and/or checking the time
15. Leaving your cell phone on
16. Demonstrating a lack of enthusiasm
17. Asking too few, or too many questions
18. Failing to ask for the job (what’s next)