



Kenya: Dress Code

Generally the Kenyan culture has clear expectations about appearance that are quite different from the United States and aspects of appearance maybe interpreted in a manner we may not expect. How we present ourselves affects the sincerity of the message we proclaim. Therefore, all of our decisions regarding dress should focus on respect, modesty and sensitivity for the culture of the people and churches we partner with and for the communities in which we are working.

IN THE COMMUNITY AND AT THE WORKSITE:

- Skirts and dresses should be to the knee.
- No sleeveless shirts including spaghetti straps, halters and tank tops are permitted.
- Do not wear clothing that will exposure the abdomen or is skintight.
- Do not wear clothing with logos, labels, wording or other designs that may be considered inappropriate or inconsistent with our mission.
- Piercings should be taken out.
- Women: Jewelry should be kept at a minimum and little or no makeup should be worn
- Men: Must keep your shirts on, even at the worksite.

IN CHURCH FOR CLINIC, WORSHIP AND/OR VBS:

- Tattoos should be covered to the extent possible.

Women:

- Women should wear skirts or dresses at least knee length.
- Sleeves should cover the shoulders. (i.e. no bare shoulders.)
- Jewelry and make-up must be kept at a minimum.
- Clean sandals (not flip-flops) are acceptable.
- Piercings in places other than ears should be taken out or very small jewelry worn.

Men:

- Men wear long pants and short-sleeved collared shirts.
- Shoes should be clean.
- Piercings should be taken out.

AT THE LODGING SITE:

- You may dress as you usually do, though short shorts, spaghetti straps and spandex is not acceptable. Since it is cool at night, you will want warm clothes.
- Given the shared rooms for sleeping, all should be in sweat pants and shirts or other modest attire.
- When in doubt, ask your group leader.