



Dress Code in the Dominican Republic

Generally the Dominican culture has clear expectations about appearance that are quite different from the US 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 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. Shorts should be no higher than 3 inches above the knee.
- No sleeveless shirts for males or females are permitted. This includes spaghetti straps, halters and tank tops.
- Do not wear clothing that will expose 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:** You must keep your shirts on, even at the worksite.

WHEN IN THE 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.
- If you do not have a skirt or sleeved top, one will be provided to you.

Men:

- Men wear long pants and short-sleeved collared shirts.
- Shoes should be clean. No sandals.
- Piercings should be taken out.

AT THE LODGING SITE:

- You may dress as usually do, though very short shorts are still not acceptable.
- Given the sleeping arrangements, all should be in shorts and shirts or other modest attire.

When in doubt, ask your group leader or an FFP staff member.