



Haiti: Dress Code

Generally the Haitian 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:

- Shorts, skirts and dresses 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 exposes 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.

IN THE CHURCH FOR CLINIC, WORSHIP AND/OR VBS:

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.
- Tattoos should be covered, to the extent possible.

Men:

- Men wear long pants and short-sleeved collared shirts.
- Shoes should be clean.
- Piercings should be taken out or very small jewelry worn.
- Tattoos should be covered, to the extent possible.

AT THE LODGING SITE:

- You may dress as you usually do, though very short shorts, spaghetti straps and spandex is 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 a FFP staff member.