

CLOTHING RECOMMENDATIONS: ADULTS

One of the benefits of Rainbow is helping our members mature into responsible young women - prepared to meet challenges with confidence, dignity, and grace. Each year, the members of the Innovation Committee (also called the Jr. Members of the Grand Executive Committee) review the clothing guidelines, which are intended to help our members make appropriate clothing choices, based on the activities they will participate in as Rainbow girls.

Adults are encouraged to set a positive example for our members by: complying with the Code of Conduct, honoring the provisions of Youth Protection Training, and following the clothing guidelines established for the girls. When adults abide by the same standards as the girls it creates opportunities for adults to lead by example and to demonstrate respect and appreciation for the high standards of our Order and our Masonic family.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Recommended for Regular Meetings:

Similar to the Clothing Guidelines for Members, women may wear the following:

- Short dress, including tea-length and high-low length
- Skirt or slacks and blouse or Rainbow polo shirt (tucked in) or sweater
- Shoes appropriate to the outfit

It is recommended that men wear the following:

- Slacks with a collared shirt and a jacket or a sweater
 - Men may remove their jackets if the Rainbow Dad removes his

FORMAL MEETINGS

Formal Meetings include, but are not limited to the following: Installation, Initiation, Formal Escort, Receptions, and Eastern Star or Masonic functions when Rainbow Girls are being honored. (Open Meetings may be short dress or formal, depending on the tradition of the Assembly and the preference of the Worthy Advisor.)

Recommended for Formal Meetings:

Women should consider the following:

- Formals should be floor length dresses
 - Unlike girls, adults may wear jewel toned dresses but should keep in mind that black formals should not be worn to Rainbow events
 - Strapless dresses are not appropriate for any Rainbow function (for girls or adults)
- Shoes should be appropriate to the outfit

It is recommended that men wear a suit or sports coat with a tie to formal occasions.

Some men wear tuxedos to Rainbow Installations. This is a personal choice and often depends on if the men own a tuxedo (due to membership in other Masonic organizations). It is not necessary for men to purchase a tuxedo to participate in a Rainbow event.

ADULT ACCOMMODATIONS

There are occasions when adults' plans for their day may change unexpectedly and impact their ability to be appropriately dressed for a Rainbow meeting. Adults are welcome to attend the Rainbow function in their work attire in these situations. For example, an adult serving in the military may attend a meeting in uniform, an adult working in health care may attend in uniform (or scrubs, if that is what they wore to work on that day). Ideally, this situation should be an exception, not the norm.

PRACTICES AND ACTIVITIES

Adults are encouraged to wear event appropriate attire to Rainbow practices and activities. IF the Mother Advisor (or designated adult) has provided clothing guidelines for the girls attending a practice or event, adults are asked to dress similarly, to the extent possible and practicable.

Adults are asked to keep the following in mind:

The following are not recommended:

- *Yoga pants, workout pants, and leggings*
 - *these items should be worn only if they are appropriate to the practice (dance practice) or event*
- *Jeans with holes above mid-thigh*
- *Short shorts*
- *Bare feet*

TRAVELING

Please remember that the Code of Conduct and the Youth Protection Training, prescribed by the Supreme Assembly, include specific guidelines regarding travel, lodging, and dressing rooms.

Recommended Travel Attire:

- ✓ While shorts and sweat pants may be worn while traveling IN Nevada; shorts and sweat pants may not be worn when traveling outside of the state of Nevada.
- ✓ In the event of an emergency, it is important to have proper protection on your feet. Sandals and flip-flops do not offer this protection; therefore, they should not be worn while traveling.
- ✓ Pajamas and slippers should never be worn by adults while traveling for a Rainbow event.

TRAVELING TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

When traveling to other jurisdictions, it is imperative that Nevada Rainbow girls and adults respect the clothing guidelines for that jurisdiction. For example, many jurisdictions require that ladies arrive at the Grand Assembly hotel/registration area in a short dress; others have limitations on tattoos, piercings, and swimwear. Additional information on jurisdiction requirements can be found on that jurisdiction's website or through Nevada's Director of Grand Representatives or Supreme Officer.

When traveling, Nevada Rainbow girls and adults represent our state and our traditions regarding attire. Therefore, it is appropriate to adhere to our guidelines and recommendations. It is not necessary to purchase additional/alternative clothing to attend a Rainbow event in another jurisdiction.