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## Too much skin never appropriate at the office

Sunday, May 20, 2007

**Jackie Farwell**  
Associated Press

With summer just around the corner, now's the time to make sure your hemline doesn't rise along with the temperatures.

Too much exposed skin is never appropriate at the office, even in warmer weather, says business etiquette expert Mary Crane.

"If you would even consider wearing any particular item to the beach or to a picnic or to mow the lawn, it's probably not appropriate to wear to the office," she said.

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To make sure your summertime dress is more stylish than scandalous, heed the following workplace wardrobe guidelines, Crane said.

Check the culture of your organization; what's acceptable at a hip Internet startup may prove inappropriate at a conservative law firm.

For women, skirts, dresses or shorts should rise no higher than 2 inches above the knee. Sorry men, nothing above the ankle is acceptable for you.

Plunging necklines have no place in the office, on men or women. The same goes for flip flops. Ladies, you might be able to get away with a strappy sandal.

Sleeveless tops can be attractive on women, but anything with straps should be saved for the long-awaited weekend.

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