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How to Take Measurements for Tuxedo and Suit Rentals

Here's an instruction sheet showing you how to acquire the necessary measurements for a tuxedo or suit rental.

IMPORTANT! For accurate results, two people are needed. To acquire measurements for yourself, you'll need to ask someone to do the measuring. Follow the sample photographs and directions carefully. The accuracy of your measurements will ensure a properly fitted ensemble.

The steps below require a tailor's measuring tape. If you need one, contact our Customer Service Team at **866-783-5767**, and we'll send one out free of charge.

Ready? Let's get started...



CHEST MEASUREMENT

Have the gentleman move his arms outward. Place the tape under his arms and around the broadest part of his chest. Lower the arms to the side and relax. Stand to the side to ensure the tape is level on both sides. Pull the tape until you feel tension and then record your measurement. Do not take loose tape measurements. Do not place any fingers between the tape and the chest.



OVERARM MEASUREMENT

With the gentleman's arms at his side, place the tape around the broadest part of his chest and arms. Stand to the side to ensure the tape is level on both sides. Pull the tape until you feel tension and then record your measurement. Do not take loose tape measurements. Do not place any fingers between the tape and the chest.



WAIST MEASUREMENT

Place the tape around the gentleman's waist an inch below his navel and pull the tape until you feel tension and record your measurement. Do not take loose tape measurements.



HIP MEASUREMENT

Stand to the side and place the tape around the broadest part of the gentleman's hip. Pull the tape until you feel tension and record your measurement. Do not record loose tape measurements.



OUTSEAM MEASUREMENT

Have the gentleman remove his shoes and look straight ahead during the measurement process. Start the tape measure level with the waistband at the back of his pant and stretch the tape to the floor. Record this measurement.



SLEEVE MEASUREMENT

Start the tape at the base of the neck centered with the spine. Make sure the tape measure goes over the top of the gentleman's shoulder. Take the tape down the arm to the point of their elbow and then **measure an inch past the wrist bone**. It is always better to measure long versus short because a sleeve that is too short will likely be unacceptable to your customer.



NECK MEASUREMENT

Have the gentleman remove his shoes and look straight ahead during the measurement process. Start the tape measure level with the waistband at the back of his pant and stretch the tape to the floor. Record this measurement.

Do you have any questions about acquiring measurements?

If so, please call our Customer Service Team at **(866) 783-5767**.

They are available from 8:30am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday and from 9:00am to 3:00pm on Saturdays (Central Time).

After hours, contact us at **support@jimsw.com**.

A measurement form is available to help make sure you acquire all the measurements you need. You can find it here: **jimsw.com/PDF/Measurement_Form_Jims_Formal_Wear.pdf**