

Work Gear & Tools (Boots & PPE)

Washington, D.C.

- **Career Gear (Men):**
 - **Best For:** Men entering the workforce.
 - **What They Offer:** While primarily focused on professional interview attire, they frequently partner with workforce programs to provide vouchers or referrals for industry-specific workwear when a candidate secures a job.
 - **Website:** careergear.org (Referral required from a job training partner).
- **A Wider Circle (Professional Clothing Center):**
 - **Best For:** All job seekers needing professional or durable clothing.
 - **What They Offer:** One of the region's largest clothing resources. They provide professional clothing for job seekers and often carry accessories and durable workwear suitable for various industries.
 - **Address:** 9159 Brookville Road, Silver Spring, MD (Serves DC residents).
 - **Phone:** (301) 608-3504
 - **Website:** awidercircle.org
- **United Planning Organization (UPO):**
 - **Best For:** DC residents with a documented job offer.
 - **What They Offer:** As DC's Community Action Agency, UPO manages workforce programs that often have "barrier removal" funds. Case managers can sometimes issue vouchers to purchase steel-toed boots or uniforms if they are required to start a new job.
 - **Address:** 301 Rhode Island Ave NW (and other service centers).
 - **Phone:** (202) 238-4600
 - **Website:** upo.org
- **Suited for Change (Women):**
 - **Best For:** Women entering the workforce.
 - **What They Offer:** Resources for professional attire and referrals for industry-specific uniforms for women entering the trades.
 - **Website:** suitedforchange.org
- **Jubilee Jobs:**
 - **Best For:** Job preparation and placement support.
 - **What They Offer:** Their program often includes access to supportive service funds for "start-up" costs, such as uniforms or boots, for placed candidates.
 - **Phone:** (202) 667-7390
- **Bread for the City (Clothing Room):**
 - **Best For:** Free basic clothing.
 - **What They Offer:** A free clothing center providing basic work-appropriate attire for residents.
 - **Phone:** (202) 265-2400

Prince George's County, MD

- **Mission of Love Charities:**
 - **Best For:** Low-income residents in Capitol Heights/Landover area.
 - **What They Offer:** Operates a free clothing closet for residents. They serve a working-class community and often stock casual and work-appropriate clothing.
 - **Address:** 6180 Old Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD
 - **Phone:** (301) 333-4440
 - **Website:** molc-inc.org
- **Catholic Charities of DC (Prince George's Center):**
 - **Best For:** General assistance and referrals.
 - **What They Offer:** Through their "Compass" program and Welcome Centers (like the Spanish Catholic Center in Langley Park), they provide clothing vouchers or referrals to local thrift partners for work essentials.
 - **Phone:** (301) 434-6453
- **Success in Style:**
 - **Best For:** Professional clothing consultation.
 - **What They Offer:** While focused on professional image, they may source specific workwear requests when referred by a partner agency.
 - **Website:** successinstyle.org
- **Employ Prince George's (Construction Works):**
 - **Best For:** Enrolled program participants.
 - **What They Offer:** The Construction Works program has dedicated funds specifically to purchase boots and tools for participants in their construction training tracks.

Pro Tip: Most clothing closets focus on office wear. If you need **Steel-Toed Boots**, your best resource is often financial assistance. If you have a job offer letter, take it to **UPO (in DC)** or the **Department of Social Services (in PG County)** to ask if you qualify for "Diversionary" or "Barrier Removal" funds to buy required safety gear.