



Preparation Guide for Senior Gentlemen Photo Shoots

Being well prepared for your senior photo session can make the difference between average and fabulous photos. Follow these easy tips and you'll be well on your way to looking your absolute best.

Mindset

Have fun! We're going to make you look great and you'll have a great time.

That's why you chose AfallaStudios.

Relax. We like to think we're rather cool and easy to get along with. Plus, we help you with posing, so there's no pressure on you.

Arrival

Arrive early or on time to your appointment. **Show-ing up late means you lose camera time** and we don't want that.

If you're coming from out of town, give yourself plenty of time to find your way around. The streets in Dallas aren't the easiest to navigate and having a buffer in case you get lost will save you some stress.

In-Studio

AfallaStudios has a newly renovated 475 square foot studio that provides their customers a unique photo studio boutique experience. We offer in-studio photo shoots as well as location shoots. Our studio has a large bathroom that you can use to change into your many 'looks' along with a full size mirror to check out how amazing you'll look for the camera. We also have a half-galley style kitchenette with refrigerator filled with complimentary beverages and snacks.

For in-studio, we photograph using a technique called Tethering. When the photographer snaps a photo, your image shows up on his laptop. But we take it a step further, we create a wireless connection from the laptop to our 46" flat screen LED tv so you can see the portrait in real time while you're still on set. No need to run back and forth between the set and the laptop. What other senior portrait studio that you know does that?

Headshots - In Studio

Professional headshots are a must- especially if you're

building LinkedIn profile. Employers like to put the name with the face. Having a confident headshot helps. When taking headshots for employment, wear colors like black, gray, or white. A hint of color is fine too as long as its subtle.

Style

You're unique and beautiful. Follow our guidelines but be yourself in how you dress.

Be fashionable. Wear clothing that's stylish and put a lot of thought into your choices. This is a unique opportunity and we want you to look amazing!

Clothing

We give you unlimited wardrobe changes (depending on how much time you booked with the photographer), so bring A LOT of options. The more clothes we have to choose from, the better. This will give us flexibility in matching your clothing to backgrounds and the surroundings.

Group your clothing together on hangers. Make sure items are free of wrinkles and ready to go. (Please don't come everything stuffed into a gym bag like many guys have done.)

Make sure you're comfortable in your clothing and that it flatters you. This will ensure that you like how you look when viewing your photos.

Avoid stripes and plaid. Solid colors work much better than patterns (it all depends on what backgrounds we find to compliment what you're wearing).

Bring a variety of colors and mix the level of styles. Some should be dressy, some dressy-casual, and some casual.

Bring black and/or dark gray t-shirts to wear under other shirts. White undershirts stick out and photograph poorly.

Avoid t-shirts with large graphics or logos. They distract from the main subject, which is you.

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Where to Change Clothes on-Location



We now have a portable collapsible changing tent on-site for you to use. Also, you should always have your guest (i.e. parent or friend) to assist you while you change in privacy. Our crew will step away from the area until you're done changing. Trust us, this changing tent is pretty cool

and gives you the privacy to change.

On-Location

We are constantly on the look out for cool and never been used before locations. Whether its in front of a blue rusty dumpster that has amazing textures or on a hill in front of a huge bridge, we are always open to create amazing portraits using these types of backgrounds. We want to push the envelope and not look like the other studios that photograph in the same locations year after year.

Shoes

We don't expect you to get as excited as the girls about shoes, but bring a variety of casual and dressier shoes for that classic look. Avoid dirty gym shoes however flip flops, boots, etc. are cool to wear. Its all about your style and that matters.

Hair

If you have longer hair, make sure it will stay out of your eyes during your session. Have it trimmed if necessary. Don't make any drastic changes like shaving your head or dying your hair around your session date. Otherwise you'll look back at your photos and wonder "What was I thinking?"

Shaving

Please come to your session cleanly shaven. Retouching stubble costs extra and won't look as good as a clean shave. If you have facial hair that your mom despises, do her a favor and shave it off. We promise

it will grow back. Also, if you have nose or ear hairs, make sure you trim them.

Props

They're great! Bring props that help show who you are. Some popular choices are:

- Sports equipment (soccer ball, basketball, softball bat, etc.)
- Sports uniforms
- Military uniforms
- Musical instruments
- Activity related items (dance, art, school clubs, etc.)

Glasses

Most lenses have a glare. The safest option is to check with your eye doctor and ask if they'll loan you a similar pair without lenses.

Complexion

We retouch your photos, so please don't be concerned about minor breakouts. We have you covered! If your acne is more severe, you're still okay. We had bad acne in high school and understand! We're happy to help you out with some extra retouching free of charge.

Photos of the Photo Shoot on Social Media

We all love social media, especially our clients where they take a photo of what we're photographing during the photo shoot. Why show an average photo when we can push it immediately from the photo shoot ourselves. Our cameras are made to wirelessly transfer some photos to our mobile tablet. By doing this, you'd be showing an awesome shot that we took and allow your friends to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter! All you have to do is ask- we'd be happy to do that for a few awesome shots. Remember, you hired us pros to take amazing photos, right?

Weather

Don't worry about clouds because they actually even



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out the light and make for ideal shooting conditions. But falling rain is an issue and we will have to reschedule. We will try to contact you first, but please call or text us if you have any doubts or concerns.

Music

In any photo shoot (depending on location where possible), whether it's photographing a top model, an engagement couple or a high school senior, music puts people in the mood. We have a bluetooth wireless speaker that connects to our iPad. When you purchased your package, you filled out a form about what artist you like to listen to. We create a playlist that'll get you in the mood for a great photo shoot. Now, how cool is that?!?

Safety

Safety is extremely important therefore we trust that as young adults, you'll be well behaved and responsible. For on location shoots, we won't force you to be standing on some ledge or risk your life just for a cool looking shot. Always secure your vehicle when you're on a location photo shoot and hide any visible items in your vehicle from theft. We want you to enjoy your photo shoot and not be stressed out by all the activity that goes on in a photo shoot.

JUST BE YOURSELF!

Conclusion

We want your images to look perfect the first time we shoot them. What that means is we shoot perfect in camera with very little post processing (i.e. Photoshop, adjusting colors, etc). Remember, what

we create is art and not just your typical 'snap shot'. Nowadays, everyone is a photographer. The difference is that we're the experts in creating beautiful images and not from the average pro-consumer camera and amateur photography experience.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email or contact us. We're here to help.