

# Preparation

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## YOUR SENIOR PORTRAIT: What You Need to Know

*Not sure how to go about this? Do not worry. We will exchange ideas and visions for as long as it takes until we are all happy that we have a way forward.. In the meantime, below you will find some general guidelines.*

### General:

A Senior Portrait is a once in a lifetime moment. Be ready to experiment and have fun.

### Outfits:

- For suggestions on selecting outfits that will look the best in photos, [please see](#) the separate preparation portrait guides for women and men on our site if you do not have them already.
- Bring the clothes that reflect where you are, but also where you want to go. Timeless fashion, rather than the fads of the moment, will have a longer shelf life.
- If you are not completely happy with your wardrobe options, you could borrow some clothing and accessories from a friend. Or, maybe it's time to shop.
- Colors: Choose colors that look flattering and make you feel good.
- Style: Consider your style and the look that expresses your core qualities. Dress-down casual, urban, rustic, stylish, edgy or even tux and gowns: it's up to you. For an elegant sophisticated look, black and off-whites with shades of gray look great. Go with browns, yellows, and reds if you want a warmer look. Big patterns and logos on t-shirts are tricky and best avoided unless there is a special reason. If in doubt, however, just bring them along, but with some backups as well.
- Bring several outfits, at least three. More is better.
- We will be able to do several different versions and styles. You can change outfits between sessions, mix and match, and have fun.

### Makeup and Accessories:

- For suggestions on makeup and accessories for women, men, and children, [please see](#) the separate preparation portrait guides for women, men, and children on our site if you do not have them already.
- Consider bringing a few things that helps you connect to who you are when you are most happy, confident, and comfortable.

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Allow yourself enough time. There is a rhythm in a professional shoot that needs to be established to bring you to your best. If possible, do not schedule anything immediately after your shoot, so you can stay relaxed.

### Location and Parking:

Our [studio](#) is in Ballard is just a few blocks from the old one in a recently renovated multi-story brick building. We are now at 3060 NW Market St, Seattle, WA 98107 just on the corner of 32nd. Our ground-floor Market Street entrance is on the north side of the street: look for "3060" above the door.

### Parking:

There is two hour free parking on the street, but only between 11:30 AM and 3 PM. Don't even think about parking there at other times during the day as the parking police are relentless. However, you can often find a space just around the corner on 32nd, and we have usually been able to find a space just one block up on 56th. If you are bringing a lot of clothes, let us know so we can assist you in carrying them.