

Accepting a Daily Call for the Costume Department

What to expect

When you get called as a daily for the costume department, you could be assisting with any of the various positions in the costume department but the most common call is for a COSTUME SET DAILY. You will start and end your day reporting to the COSTUME TRUCK. Specific instructions will be given when you arrive but generally, you will help dress background performers at the top of the day getting them 'camera ready', address costume changes required throughout the day, monitor costume continuity during filming, and perform any small repairs necessary. At the end of the day, you will collect costumes and return gear to the costume truck.

Your call time and location may be given to you the day prior, but often you will be waiting for the CALL SHEET to be emailed to you at the end of the filming day before your work day, with your exact call time/ information. Make sure the costume coordinator or assistant designer has your email /cell number and keep in touch with them if you think you might have missed getting the information. Be sure to complete a deal memo at the beginning of the day and ensure a timesheet is submitted at the end of the day.

What to have with you

A Basic Personal Kit includes:

- Safety Glasses
- Watch / Phone
- A small notebook
- Pen & Pencil
- Safety Pins - Small brass & Large silver
- Double-sided tape (i.e. Topstick)
- Small sewing kit -assorted needles (some threaded to save time)
 - Assorted thread (thread braid)
 - Small scissors with a sharp point
 - Seam ripper
 - Measuring tape
 - Assorted buttons, snaps, hooks & eyes
- Black 'Sharpie' pens – fine & regular
- Soft white chalk
- Needle nose pliers/multitool (i.e. 'Leatherman')
- Small lint brush or roller
- Pre-moistened towels (i.e. 'Wet Ones')
- Tide pen
- Small static guard
- Closed-toe shoes (the days are long, so something comfy that you can move in)
- Water bottle
- All weather gear!*

**All weather gear includes: clothing, footwear and accessories you are going to need to work in both outdoor and indoor conditions. Conditions can change quickly, so come prepared for anything!*

A small kit is often contained in a small waist bag or small over-the-shoulder bag.

Different positions within the department may have additional tool requirements. Check with the Department Head or the person who hired you to confirm expectations.