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Becoming a Male Model

Modeling for males is very similar to that of female modeling and in fact more people will prefer to have topless male models showing off toned abs. This is something that will be looked at if you decide to start a modeling career and even if you are more mature, you will find that a tight toned midsection is your best bet when joining an agency. For photographic modeling you will need to have strong features and will have to prove that you are photogenic and can act for the camera. For ramp work, you will also be trained, but you should be over 6 foot tall to succeed in this arena. There is a large popularity for mature male models and even if you are graying a bit you can easily become a model.

Before finding that perfect male modeling agency for you, you must make sure you are in good shape and have a unique, appealing look. Most male models are chosen for their sex appeal and good looks on camera, but a good stage presence is also required for doing any kind of fashion catwalk shows, where you will be taught about how to walk, how to hold yourself, posing and more.

Being a male model does not mean that you have no complications when it comes to nudity and being taken advantage of by photographers. Male models are also entitled to refuse topless or nude shots and must be just as careful as the women about getting caught in a compromising position where you can be exploited.

Men can usually start modeling at the age of 16 or 17 and it will all depend on their build and structure at that time. If they look older than they are or have strong looking bodies, then it helps when they apply at an agency. This is not to say that younger guys cannot join, but if you are in the younger age bracket you will get modeling jobs that reflect that age for clothing stores and other photographic ads. You will rarely be given ramp work at a young age unless it is for a teenager clothing brand or designer.

Male models are also frequently needed for range showing and you will go through the same process as the women do. Your day will run from about 8 to 5 and you will get paid overtime if you need to stay a bit later. You will need to change into various outfits that the buyers want to view and they will want to feel the fabrics, look at the cut and fit as well as all the trimmings and finishes.

This can become a tedious job if you let it, but having the right attitude and a bit of patience will see you earning a nice sum of money. If you are at an age where you can show both teen and adult clothes, then you can earn even more money by working extra hours.

If you decide that male modeling is the industry for you, there are plenty of opportunities for males to get involved. The first thing you should do is find a good agent who will get you a lot of jobs and build your [modeling portfolio](#).

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