

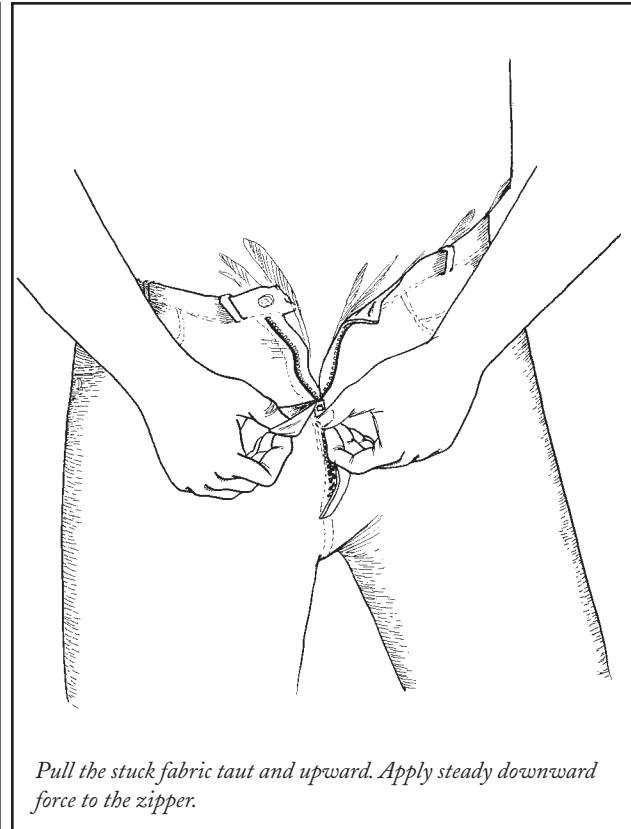
HOW TO SURVIVE A FASHION EMERGENCY

SHIRT CAUGHT IN ZIPPER

- 1** Slide your hand inside the front of the pants above the zipper area.
- 2** Lower your hand until you reach the shirttail.
- 3** Pull the stuck fabric taut and upward.
- 4** Guide the zipper down with your free hand.
Apply steady force to the zipper: pull but don't yank too hard. Be careful not to pinch your fingers. Also, be sure to keep the garment away from the body, so the teeth of the zipper don't bite your skin. This is especially important if you're not wearing underwear.

SPLASHED BY A TAXI

- If you are splashed with water, head for the nearest restroom and use the hot-air hand dryer. Stand very close to the dryer and rock from side to side, using your hands to billow and fluff whichever garment is wet.
- If you are splattered with mud, add a dash of salt to a glass of club soda from the closest bar and dab



it onto the dirty spots. The soda will work on the mud; the salt will lift out any oil from the street that was mixed in with the mud.

- If you are wearing a skirt, turn it around so that the splash is less visible. Untuck a shirt or blouse to cover a splashed skirt or pants.

WINE STAIN

- For white wine, wet a cloth napkin with cold water and dab the stain. Avoid hot water, which will set the stain.
- For red wine, soak a cloth napkin with white wine and apply to the stain area. Then dab the stain with cool water.
- Rub toothpaste—the white, pasty kind only—onto the stain to make it easier to clean later.
- If you spilled the wine on your date, apologize, offer to pay the dry cleaning bill, and immediately pour or order another glass of wine.

LIPSTICK STAIN

- Apply a generous amount of petroleum jelly to the spot. Baby wipes or wet towelettes will also remove most of the stain. Dry clean as soon as possible.
- Use a scarf to camouflage the area, unless it is on your date's pants.

RIPPED STOCKING

- Use clear nail polish or a spritz of hairspray to keep the run from spreading.
- If the rip is at the toe, stretch the toe out further and tuck the excess fabric under your foot so that the rip cannot be seen.

- If the rip is down the front, twist your pantyhose to your inner thigh so that the tear is less visible. Be careful as you twist to avoid ripping it further. Or put the hose on backwards, as long as they are not seamed or embellished.
- As a last resort, remove the stockings and go bare-legged.