GENERAL GUIDES FOR PINNING TROUSER LENGTHS
- assuming the length of both legs is identical

1. All that is needed is one pin (at back and front) to hold the fabric in this position at both these places. Sometimes the front may be required to be shorter than the back in which case, pins should also be used at the sides.

2. Ensure correct shoes are worn with the intended pair of trousers. For example, trainers have a substantially thicker sole than a smart leather shoe so trousers will become shorter.

3. If part of a ‘group’ for a special occasion (ie. wedding), all trousers of the group should be identical and/or similar lengths. This is most noticeably visible after the event when seen in photos!

4. Ensure shirts and jackets are worn at the fitting as this can sometimes affect the manner of the trousers’ hang. A jacket will also provide the overall effect - sometimes this can be crucial to determine finished length.

5. Stand straight, with arms down by sides.

6. It is often a good idea to get someone to take photos of the trousers at this stage - often the correct and/or better length can be more clearly visible by this method.

7. Ensure safety pins are not heavyweight ones and select their suitability for fabric type.

8. Fold under (or if easier, fold up) the trouser hem to the desired length and hold in place with additional pins if necessary, to determine correct length.

9. Sometimes it may be necessary (especially for narrow trousers) to try sitting and verify that the new length is correct.