

## AI TOOLS

# How NOT to Use AI in Your Job Search

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## Key Points

1

Generic AI-generated CVs are immediately recognisable to experienced recruiters — they have a specific tone, structure, and vocabulary that screams AI.

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The mistake: using AI to write your CV from scratch. The right use: using AI to improve, tighten, and tailor a CV you have already written.

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Cover letters written entirely by AI are even more detectable — and more damaging, because they signal you cannot communicate.

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AI is excellent for: tailoring your CV keywords to a specific job description, identifying gaps in your application, and preparing for interview questions.

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Never put AI-generated text in the "Tell me about yourself" answer. This is where interviews are won or lost, and recruiters probe here specifically.

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The candidates who use AI as a thinking partner — not a ghostwriter — get callbacks. The ones who outsource their voice lose them.

### Key Takeaway

*AI should make your application sound more like the best version of you — not less like you.*

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