

Let's say you don't have exactly what it takes to strut around in your strappy green python Jimmy Choo sandals with a zipper up the front and a nearly fiveinch heel (\$1,295), and you end up falling off your pedestal and fracturing your fibula. Don't worry. The Leather Spa (formerly Shoe Service Plus) can repair your faceted 4.7-inch laminated plastic heel. This is the place used by Blahnik, Louboutin, Chanel, Gucci, Barneys, Neiman Marcus, and Bergdorf Goodman. It charges a lot, too, so you won't be quite as upset about your doctor bill (10 West 55th Street; \$40 and up for a broken heel; thousands to set a broken leg).

Doctors, as it happens, have very particular taste in shoes. According to a physician at Sloan-Kettering with an excellent footwear aesthetic, surgeons like clogs, but internists prefer richlooking loafers (clogs with ventilation holes, clogsonline.com; \$64.95; Gucci loafer, for men, with a silver horse bit, neimanmarcus.com; \$595). Nurses, of course, wear nurse shoes (shoeline.com has forty-nine styles of white shoes; \$35 to \$67.95).