

WEDDING DAY PHOTOGRAPHY CHECKLIST

All items on this list are merely suggestions of what can be included in your wedding day photography. We are always open to other ideas. Mostly, we provide this list to make sure that enough time is planned for wedding photography and so that we make sure that you get the shots you want on your big day. We highly suggest scheduling time to do as many photographs as possible prior to the wedding ceremony. If the bride & groom are waiting to see each other during the ceremony then we will get as many shots as we can out of the way prior so that after the ceremony we can get the remaining group photos as quickly as possible. We generally start with the large group and family and work our way down to the posed shots of the bride and groom alone together.

To save time and confusion on where to look for the pictures, we do ask that during the formal posed photographs of the groups and the bride/groom that no other "photographers" be present.

Wedding Photography Shots Before the Ceremony

- ___ Wedding dress lying over a chair
- ___ Zipping up or buttoning the wedding dress
- ___ Mother of the bride fastening the bride's necklace
- ___ The bride's garter
- ___ The bride's veil
- ___ A close up of the bride's shoes peeking out from under the dress
- ___ Bride looking into a mirror
- ___ Bride looking out window
- ___ Bride and bridesmaids putting on makeup
- ___ Bride pinning corsage/boutonniere on mother/father
- ___ Bride hugging parents
- ___ Bride touching up
- ___ Bride and parents leaving for ceremony
- ___ Groom tying tie
- ___ Groom looking into mirror
- ___ Bride looking out window
- ___ Groom pinning corsage/boutonniere on mother/father
- ___ Groom hugging parents
- ___ Bride and parents leaving for ceremony

Wedding Photography Shots At the Ceremony

- ___ Outside of ceremony site
- ___ Guests walking into ceremony site
- ___ Bride and father entering ceremony site
- ___ Parents being seated
- ___ Grandparents being seated
- ___ Maid of honor walking down the aisle
- ___ Bridesmaids walking down the aisle
- ___ Flower girl and ring bearer walking down aisle

- ___ Groom waiting for bride
- ___ Ceremony musicians
- ___ Officiant
- ___ Altar or canopy during ceremony
- ___ Close up of bride, just before she makes her entrance
- ___ Bride and father walking down aisle
- ___ Groom seeing bride for first time
- ___ The back of bride and father walking down the aisle – with the groom waiting in the distance
- ___ Bride's father and Bride hugging at end of aisle
- ___ Shot of the audience from the bride and groom's point of view
- ___ The unity ceremony
- ___ Close up of bride and groom saying the vows
- ___ Wide shot of bride and groom saying the vows
- ___ Exchanging the rings
- ___ Close up of hands
- ___ The kiss
- ___ Bride & Groom walking up the aisle
- ___ Receiving line
- ___ Bride & Groom outside on steps
- ___ Guests throwing confetti/rose petals/birdseed
- ___ Bride & Groom hugging guests, laughing, getting congratulations
- ___ Bride & Groom getting in car
- ___ Bride & Groom in back seat

Posed Photographs

- ___ Bride alone (full length)
- ___ Bride with Maid of Honor
- ___ Bride with bridesmaids
- ___ Groom with bridesmaids
- ___ Bride with parents
- ___ Bride & Groom together
- ___ Bride & Groom with parents
- ___ Bride & Groom with families
- ___ Bride & Groom with entire wedding party
- ___ Bride & Groom with flower girl and ringbearer
- ___ Groom with parents
- ___ Groom with best man
- ___ Groom with groomsmen
- ___ Bride with groomsmen

During the Reception (to help your photographer, you may wish to list these shots in the order they will happen at your reception)

- Outside of reception site
- Bride & Groom arriving
- Bride & Groom greeting guests
- Table centerpieces
- Table setting
- Bride & Groom's table (head table)
- Musicians or DJ
- Guest book
- Place card table
- Closeup of bride and groom's place card
- Wedding cake
- Groom's cake
- Gift table
- Decorations (specify which _____)
- A shot of bride & groom with guests at each table
- Bride with college alums
- Groom with college alums
- The buffet or, if having table service, a dinner serving
- Bride & Groom's first dance
- Bride & Father dancing
- Groom & Mother dancing
- Guests dancing
- Bride & Groom cutting the cake
- Bride & Groom feeding each other cake
- Toasts (specify who is giving them: _____)
- Bride & Groom drinking champagne
- Signing the marriage license
- Bride throwing bouquet
- Groom retrieving garter
- Groom tossing garter
- Garter/Bouquet dance
- The getaway car
- Bride & Groom leaving party
- Bride & Groom driving away

Guests the photographer shouldn't miss:

If there is a seating chart for your event, please provide us with a copy if possible. Also please let us know if there are any guests that cannot be photographed/posed together or anything else we need to know pertaining to your wedding day photography.