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## WEDDING GUEST 101

*Be a great wedding guest this season*

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At last, the days are getting longer, the first buds are appearing and the heat of summer is on its way!

The warmer sun not only brings blue bonnets and green grass but also many occasions that allow us to celebrate with our family and friends. For that matter, I am sure many of you have weddings scheduled on your calendar and some of you most likely have already attended a wedding or two this year.

I am sure you know that there is more to attending a wedding than showing up, shedding a few happy tears and gobbling down wedding cake. Of course, it is very important to enjoy yourself, but being a good guest

comes with responsibilities, too.

**Receiving an Invitation:** When you receive an invite, check your calendar and decide if you are able to attend as soon as possible. The R.S.V.P. date noted on the response card is not arbitrary—it's important for the couple to find out who will be attending in a timely manner, so they can give their caterer a final head count before the wedding reception.

R.S.V.P. is short for the French saying, "Répondez, s'il vous plait," which simply means, "Please respond." That means you should respond either way, whether you're able to attend or not. "Regrets" or "Regrets

Only" means that only guests who cannot attend need to respond. A couple dos and don'ts:

**Do** let the hosts know if you must cancel at the last minute. They are expecting you and have more than likely already paid for your meal, created a party favor and possibly designed the seating chart, so have the courtesy to call the couple and let them know that you must cancel.

**Don't** assume that you can invite a guest or bring children. Only the people to whom the invitation is addressed are invited to the festivities. Read your envelopes carefully to see who exactly is invited to the wedding and reception before making any assumptions.



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a last hug before you depart. thank them. Also attempt to give the couple a family (like the mother of the bride) and leave, find a member of the bride's immediate cake has been cut. When you do decide to down. You should stay at least until after the reception usually last about four hours, and you do arrive after the ceremony has begun. If you do arrive at the ceremony site 20 to 30 minutes before the time printed on the invitation. If "fashionably late," for. Ideally, you should arrive at the ceremony site 20 to 30 minutes before the time printed on the invitation. If away from the bride on her special day.

**What to Wear:** Within reason, dress as you would for any other social event held at the hour and during the season of the wedding. The only true rule of thumb is that female guests should not wear white as not to take away from the bride on her special day.

transporting gifts after the reception. marking sure cards stay with boxes and the couple to be concerned about security, the gift to the wedding or reception requires the couple has given on their registry. Bringing the gift to the wedding is preferred that you

may come with the bride's name change. the bride or the groom to avoid any issues that couple money, make the check payable to their marriage. If you do decide to give the gift money, allowing the couple to choose exactly how they want to commemorate the wedding date to send a gift, but it makes sense to shop for a gift soon after you receive the invitation and have decided to attend. Nowadays, it is also acceptable to give gift money, allowing the couple to choose exactly how they want to commemorate the wedding date to send a gift, but it makes sense to shop for a gift soon after you receive the invitation and have decided to attend. Nowadays, it is also acceptable to

**The Gift:** Always plan on giving a gift when you accept a wedding invitation. If you are unable to attend the wedding, it is still nice to send a gift, but you will not be committing a major faux pas if you don't.

