

Best Man Duties

BEFORE THE WEDDING DAY

- ☐ Be supportive and available for the groom when he needs you - it will be a super emotional day for him, too!
- ☐ Help him to choose a suit for the wedding
- ☐ Remember to attend the suit fittings already organized for you and the groomsmen - organize the groomsmen: you need to match shoes, ties, etc.
- ☐ Plan a bachelors party - ask the others to help you with this
- ☐ Help the maid of honor in organizing accommodation and transport for everyone

BACHELOR'S PARTY

- ☐ Choose a date, time and venue
- ☐ Set up a budget
- ☐ Create a guest list and get their contact details
- ☐ Send out invitations
- ☐ Manage RSVP's or ask a groomsman to handle this
- ☐ Organize food and drinks if the venue doesn't provide it
- ☐ Organize good music (create a playlist)
- ☐ Be sure to appoint designated drivers for the party
- ☐ Organize additional entertainment for the evening if necessary
- ☐ Put someone in charge of cleaning up after the party if necessary
- ☐ If there are any gifts, help the groom to keep it safe

ON THE WEDDING DAY

CEREMONY

- ☐ Get to know the wedding schedule and details
- ☐ Check that the groom eats a hearty breakfast and stay hydrated – no alcohol!
- ☐ Check that the groom and groomsmen stay on schedule
- ☐ Get dressed – help the groom to fasten his tie and straighten out his suit
- ☐ Have a groom's emergency kit on hand, just in case: band-aids, concealer (yes!), safety pins, needle and thread, etc.
- ☐ Hold the bride's ring until the exchanging of the vows and rings at the ceremony – double check that your pockets don't have holes!
- ☐ Make sure that everyone's boutonnieres are fastened on properly and facing the correct way
- ☐ If required, sign the wedding register as a witness along with the maid of honor
- ☐ When walking out, do so with the maid of honor on your side
- ☐ Check that the groom and groomsmen's suits are neat and tidy during the photo session
- ☐ Help the maid of honor to assist the bride and groom when photos are taken in difficult angles or spaces

RECEPTION

- ☐ At the reception, get ready to enter and be announced with the maid of honor
- ☐ Traditionally, you also have to dance with the maid of honor during the first formal dance
- ☐ Ask the groom if you can dish up for him at the buffet, along with the maid of honor who dishes up for the bride – although, a lot of couples prefer to do this themselves
- ☐ Give a toast or speech after the father of the groom, before the maid of honor gives her speech
- ☐ Be a host at the wedding – help the guests to find the gift table and encourage them to sign the guest book
- ☐ If the dance floor is empty, encourage the groomsmen and bridesmaids to help you keep it going (bored guests will leave early)
- ☐ Help the maid of honor to handle the gifts – put them in the car or hotel room of the person responsible for safe keeping (usually a bridesmaid or family member)
- ☐ When it is time to throw the garter, help the bride get onto the chair – encourage all the single men to join in in catching the garter
- ☐ Liaise with the Master of Cermonies for further arrangements