

The dos and don'ts of wedding season

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It's that time of year again: wedding season.

And whether you're invited to one or several - or are planning your own - there's likely at least a few subjective topics you're not too sure about. We asked Halton-based wedding professionals the awkward etiquette questions, so you don't have to (You're welcome).

What are the most common etiquette mistakes people make as guests attending a wedding?

It's pretty much a consensus that not RSVPing, wearing white and not buying a gift are no-nos for the guests.

Basically, be considerate.

"As long as you RSVP by the deadline date, you are being respectful," said Vicky Nicholas of Perfect Planners in Oakville.

Another common mistake, according to Olivia Quintyne of Liv Chic Events in Oakville, is assuming you can bring a date.

"A lot of guests think once they get invited to a wedding: 'Yay, I can bring somebody.' Not necessarily," she said. "If they give you a plus one then sure, but you have to read your invitation clearly to see what it says."

How do you determine how much to spend on a wedding gift?

It's normal for guests to



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pay to cover their plate, Quintyne says. And if they have the means to do so, they definitely should, she added.

"It's really hard - I know if you're family you might gift a little more - some people may have a standard rule of 100 bucks or 150 bucks but how much to give is a little bit tricky. With how much people spend on weddings these days, it's safe to say your plate costs at least 100 bucks at minimum."

However, she notes, brides and grooms should be cognizant that not everyone invited to a wedding may be able to pay that amount for a plate. In these cases, she says guests should give what they can.

"Any little bit helps be-

cause weddings are expensive."

Are child-free weddings acceptable?

Absolutely, Nicholas says, as long as brides and grooms are upfront about their intentions to their guests ahead of time.

"Kids are very cute. But sometimes, during the ceremony especially, they can be disruptive," she added. "For some parents, if their kids are being fussy, they take them out. But not everyone is like that. I totally understand brides and grooms who don't want kids there."

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