

# Fall BRIDAL

## Best man must be at his best

You have been asked to be the best man at a relative's or friend's wedding. Being the best man is an important role. By choosing you, the groom has shown that he believes you to be reliable. Not only are you responsible for helping the groom before the wedding but you are responsible for helping the entire wedding day go off without a hitch. But what exactly are your duties as the best man?

Prior to the wedding, the best man's duties include:

- Arranging the bachelor party
- Selecting a gift for the groom
- Confirming the honeymoon arrangements
- Coordinating the hotel arrangements and transportation for any out-of-town guests
- Serving as the go-between between the groom's family and friends
- Helping with the selection of tuxedos

Attending tuxedo fittings and the rehearsal dinner

Before leaving for the church, the best man's duties include:

- Making sure the honeymoon bags are packed and in the car
- Getting any payment envelopes from the groom for the officiate, DJ or limo driver

At the church, the duties of the best man include:

- Helping the groom dress for the ceremony
- Getting the rings and the wedding

license

- Coordinating the ushers
- Delivering the payments to the correct recipients
- Participating in the photography sessions and receiving line
- Making sure the bride and groom get to the car after the ceremony
- Making sure the wedding party and family members get to their cars and that the drivers know where they are going

At the reception, the duties of the best man include:

- Making sure the musicians or DJ is set up
- Making the first toast
- Dancing the fourth dance with the bride
- Dancing with the bride's attendants
- Reading any telegrams or letters for the bride and groom
- Helping the bride and groom get away from the reception
- Helping the groom get into his get-away clothes
- Making sure the groom has the honeymoon tickets, passports, traveler's checks and anything else needed

After the wedding, it is the best man's job to return the groom's tuxedo to the rental shop or take it to the cleaners and pick it up.

As best man, you must make sure the wedding day goes smoothly. Fulfilling this position requires you to be responsible and resourceful.

—By Ronda Addy



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