

Tips & Tricks BRIDESMAID DUTIES



Get help from Bridesmaids.
*Bridesmaid duty checklist before
and on your wedding day*

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- Help to plan and organize the bridal shower and bachelorette party with the maid of honor.
 - Try to keep the peace between everyone by staying calm and avoiding negative opinions or conflict.
 - Help the maid of honor to keep the bride calm and happy by taking on tasks assigned to you.
 - Assist the maid of honor with managing suppliers, vendors, guest lists, etc. She might not be able to handle everything herself and will appreciate your help.
 - Keep your schedule open for all pre-wedding events, such as the bridal shower, bachelorette party, engagement party, dress fittings, shoe shopping, etc.
 - Stay positive and excited about the bride's wedding—keep her in a good mood.
 - Save some money to buy your bridesmaid dress, shoes, and accessories unless the bride and groom offer to cover these expenses.
 - Save money to help pay for the bridal shower and bachelorette party.
 - Buy a wedding gift for the couple.
 - Ask if you and the other bridesmaids, along with the maid of honor, can host a DIY party to make items for the wedding, such as invitations, decorations, favors, etc.
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Ceremony

- Eat a good breakfast and drink plenty of water—many bridesmaids faint due to dehydration.
- Make sure the maid of honor is doing well and staying hydrated. She takes care of the bride, and you help take care of her.
- Be on time for hair and makeup.
- Get dressed when you're supposed to.
- If transport is not arranged, ensure you get to the wedding venue on time.
- Line up with the other bridesmaids before entering the church.
- Help the other bridesmaids straighten the bride's dress when she turns around. The maid of honor will hold the bride's bouquet.
- Stand at the front with the couple until everyone is seated.
- Check with the maid of honor to see if the bridesmaids and groomsmen should sit or stand during the ceremony.
- When walking out with a groomsman, prevent him from acting up.
- The bridesmaids and groomsmen should also throw confetti at the newlyweds.



"A bridesmaid's superpower is making the bride smile, even when things go a little off-script."

Reception

- Dance at the reception—the bride will appreciate it, especially if no one else is dancing.
- Confirm with the maid of honor whose responsibility it is to handle the gifts—it's usually one of the bridesmaids' duties.
- Participate in the bouquet toss and encourage other single/unmarried ladies to join.
- Don't overdo it with the open bar—you don't want to embarrass the bride by needing to be babysat.
- If you need to give a speech, keep it clean—avoid mentioning exes or embarrassing stories about the bride.
- Check in with the couple's parents during the reception, as the maid of honor will be busy attending to the bride.
- After the wedding, help the bride gather her belongings from the reception, like the bouquet and her purse.
- Check with the maid of honor to see if you need to stay and help with cleaning up after the wedding.