

Day Of Photography Wedding Tips

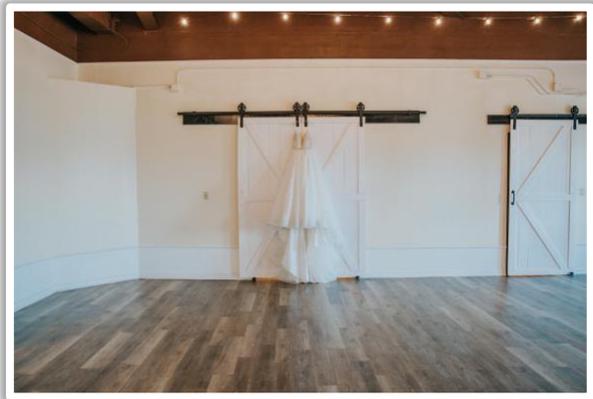
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Congratulations on your Engagement!!

I have been a (professional) photographer for almost ten years now and I have seen it all. I created this photography tip sheet because I know how busy you are planning your special day, and that sometimes the little things can be forgotten. I hope you find these tips helpful on your wedding day!

- Hire a planner! This is one thing that will keep your day on track. It will also help your photographer do what they were hired to do: photograph your day!
- Consider adding a 2nd shooter to your package, if one is not already included. Although many photographers, like myself, are capable of photographing an entire wedding alone, it is SO helpful when there is a 2nd shooter to help capture the day with different angles and different moments. Not to mention, you will most likely get more images at the end.
- Create a time line and give yourself some extra room for hair and makeup. A good two hours or more is what I suggest to get ready. With almost every wedding I photograph, hair and makeup runs a tad bit behind. This gives you some wiggle room if you change your mind on your hair. BTW, I totally did this! I went from having this really pretty “updo” to a simple elegant pony tail. #truestory!
- Go first with your makeup! Yes, you heard me. Have your makeup done first so you can look fabulous in all the pictures. The makeup artist can touch up your makeup before they leave.
- Keep your getting-ready area tidy. If you can see it, so can your photographer! It is best to have a small separate area for food and water bottles. Although your photographer may find great angles to keep the clutter out of your pictures, it makes it easier for them to photograph your getting ready moments.
- Have your details in a shoe box or bag. If you love details (like me) and want them photographed, it is best they are kept in one place and ready for your photographer to style them. If you have an extra invitation, include that too! Some additional things to include would be, rings (duh!), shoes, garter,



earrings, bracelets, perfume and anything special you will have with you. If you have a special ring box you can include that as well. They have some amazing ones on Etsy!

- If you want a beautiful picture of your dress, make sure you have already discussed the location with your photographer. Most photographers have already scoped out the area, but just in case I would share it with them. This will save them time trying to find a place. This is another great reason to have a 2nd photographer. That way they can continue to capture your moments while the lead photographer is taking detail shots.
- When the guys arrive in their area to get ready, make sure they are dressed with at least their suit pants on. Then your photographer can walk in and start capturing them as they get fully dressed.
- Have someone available to pin the boutonniere on the guys. Can your photographer do this? Yep! Should they? Nope! I have photographed many weddings where I was asked to help pin them on. Of course I will, but that just takes away from your time and your moments. It is super helpful if you have someone that knows how to do this and can do it for them. If there is someone special to the groom, have them ready to at the very least pin it on them.
- Boys! Keep those cell phones out of your pockets. I promise you can tell when there is a cell phone in a front pocket. Your photographer will love you if you mention this to them.
- Open those blinds! If you are getting ready in a room with windows, open up the blinds! This will make for some amazing images in natural lighting.
- Keep the flowers in a vase instead of a box. It really will help your getting ready area stand out. You paid all this money for these flowers, why not show them off as much as you can?



I hope this photography tip sheet is helpful to you on your wedding day! If you decide to hire me, I will be sharing TONS of additional tips to make your wedding day picture perfect. I hope to hear from you soon about your wedding.

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