

The Best Man's Checklist

- Take charge of the ushers; brief them on special seating arrangements during the rehearsal.
- Get the wedding ring the day of the ceremony and guard it with your life. If there is a ring bearer, see that he carries out his instructions properly.
- Have Marriage License and clergyman's fee the day of the wedding.
- Help the groom get ready for the wedding, and make sure that his bags are packed. The best man usually puts the couple's luggage in the checkroom or vehicle they will use, and brings the groom's going-away clothes to the reception hall.
- Check tickets, reservations, and travel connections for the honeymoon, and make sure tickets are in the groom's pocket after he has changed clothes.
- Call for and accompany the groom to the wedding. You should be there at least 1 hour before the ceremony begins. The best man may choose to present the clergyman's fee during this waiting time or just after the ceremony. Following the ceremony he sees that members of the wedding party get into the proper vehicles.
- Be toastmaster and time keeper at the bridal table during the reception and when the time comes, help the couple get away.