



Questions to Ask Your Wedding Photographer

Basic Questions

- Do you have my date available? NOTE: If the answer is 'No' then skip to the 'Unavailable' section at the very bottom.
- How long have you been in business?
- How many weddings have you shot? Have you done any similar to mine?
- Have you shot at my venue before? If not will you scout it ahead of time?
- Do you specialize in weddings? NOTE: Hiring someone that specializes in wedding photography is important because of the nature of the event. You can't get those moments back or get a redo!
- How would you describe your photography style (e.g. traditional, photojournalistic, creative)?
- What do you think distinguishes your work from that of other photographers?
- Do you have a portfolio I can review? Are all of the images yours, and is the work recent?
- What type of equipment do you use?
- Do you shoot in color and black & white? NOTE: Now is a good time to express your preference!
- Can I give you a list of specific shots we would like done?
- Can you put together a slideshow of the engagement session (along with other photos the couple provides) and show it during the cocktail hour?
- Will you follow a shot list? Or do you prefer to have free reign to capture the festivities how you see fit?
- How long after the wedding do we get to see the photos?
- What information do you need from me before the wedding day?
- May I have a list of references?
- Are you the photographer who will shoot my wedding? If so, will you have any assistants with you on that day? What about a second shooter?
- What about backup equipment? Do you have or will you rent spare equipment if your main gear fails? What about a backup plan if you are unable to shoot my wedding for some reason?
- If my wedding site is out of your area, do you charge a travel fee and what does that cover?
- Are you photographing any other events on the same day as mine?
- How will you (and any of your representatives) be dressed?
- Is it okay if other (non-professional) people take photos while you're taking photos?
- What time will you arrive at the site and for how long will you shoot?
- If my event lasts longer than expected, will you stay? Is there an additional charge?

Contracts, Policies, Legalities

- What are the steps that need to be done to secure you as our wedding photographer?
- Will I be able to see your contract ahead of time so I have time to go through it?
- How much of a deposit do you require and when is it due?
- Do you offer a payment plan?
- What is your refund/cancellation policy?

- Do you have liability insurance?
- Do you have a current business license?

Questions to Ask Yourself

- Do I feel a connection with this photographer? Are our personalities a good match?
- Does this photographer's work match my ideal wedding photography style?
- Do our communication styles match?
- Has this photographer listened well and addressed all my concerns?
- Is this Photographer as awesome as I am?*

Unavailability

- If you aren't available to shoot my wedding can you recommend someone with a similar style, experience and price range?