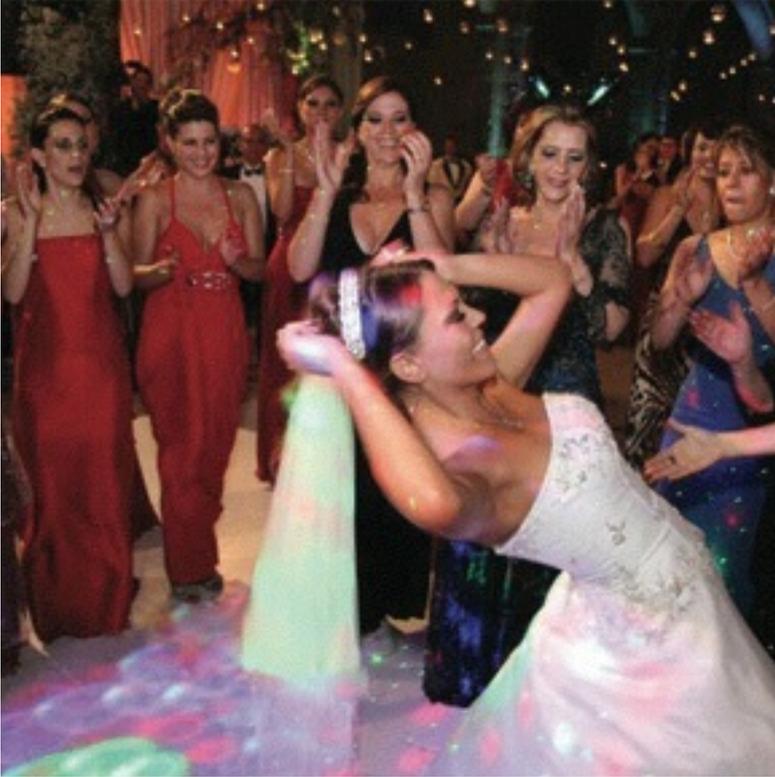


# 8 Questions to Ask Suppliers



**Hiring the right team is critical to planning your dream wedding, it can also be quite stressful so how do you find the right match for you? How do you know who to trust? Where do you go for advice?**

**Asking these 8 Questions will help you get it right**

## **1. Do you run a registered company?**

This demonstrate a level of professionalism you will not get by those who do not.

## **2. Do you use a written agreement?**

To guarantee the terms of your agreement including your date, arrival, departure times onsite, the service you are hiring and the fee.

## **3. How many weddings do you do per year?**

This is an extremely important question. Someone only doing 20 weddings a year will be less effective, skilled and experienced than a supplier doing 100.

## **4. Do you carry back-up equipment?**

Even Rolls Royce's breakdown! What happens if your suppliers equipment fails? Will your party be ruined if they have no back-up?

## **5. Do you carry liability insurance?**

This protects you in case an unfortunate accident should occur on your wedding day. It's also a sign that this is a reputable business, since most "fly by night" operations don't invest in insurance.

## **6. How much do you cost?**

If you are buying on price alone you

should lower your expectations accordingly, but if your decision is based on wanting an experienced supplier who will bring quality, creative ideas and a commitment to delivering success on one of the most important days of your life you should expect to pay a higher fee.

## **7. Do you offer a money back guarantee?**

This is a real peace of mind benefit that only the most confident and skilled suppliers could offer. Seek them out for a worry free day.

## **8. Are you full or part-time?**

A part-timer may be less committed about delivering a successful outcome than a full-timer. The real acid test is to find a talent with a passion for their craft and a passion for delivering your dream.

## 5 REASONS WHY YOUR ENTERTAINMENT SHOULD BE A HIGH PRIORITY AT YOUR WEDDING



### *Get the right memories*

81% of wedding guests say what they remember most is the entertainment.

### *At the end...*

Within a week of their reception, 78% of brides say they would have made entertainment their highest priority!

### *Don't hire on price alone*

The vast majority of couples would have spent more on the entertainment if they could do it again.

### *Spend time getting it right*

72% of brides say they would have spent more time choosing their wedding entertainment.

### *In the beginning...*

During wedding planning, brides say their highest priority is their attire, while entertainment is among the least of their priorities.

### *Statistics Source:*

Bride & Bridegroom Magazine

### 15 Tips to Get The Best Wedding Ever

1. On the one hand wedding venues with multiple rooms offer guests a great choice of spaces to explore and relax in; however it can fragment your reception. So before booking a multi-roomed venue ask yourself, "Do I want an all-inclusive party that keeps everyone together, or do I want to provide different zones for friends and family to go off and socialise in?"
2. Share your love story during your ceremony or reception.
3. Hold a "ring warming" during the ceremony where you pass your rings to each guest before you exchange vows.
4. Write unique and personal vows that unite you both.
5. Design ceremony handouts to double up as fans if getting married in the peak of summer.
6. Ask your Master of Ceremonies to organise periodic "Glass Clinking" during your wedding breakfast,
7. Make a donation to your favorite charity.

8. Write a list of trivia questions about you both for each table to answer.
9. Visit wedding fayres to see many suppliers under one roof
10. Place photographs of you and your fiancé on your tables.
11. Play 'your' song during your Grand Entrance to your top table.
12. Choose an awesome DJ, with a brilliant reputation
13. Have your friends and family write their thoughts and best wishes in a guest book - but put someone in charge to ensure it circulates.
14. When cutting your cake make sure the bride is on the right and bridegroom to the left whilst facing the cake. The bride should hold the cake in her right hand 1st placing her left hand on top; the bridegrooms right hand should go behind the brides waist, his left hand should go on top of the brides left hand - this will ensure your wedding rings are displayed in your photos.

### Best tip of all?

15. When asked most couples can't recall much of their wedding day saying it all went so fast! So share 10 minutes alone with each other TWICE on your wedding day; once after the photos and before your meal, and again after your meal and before the cake cutting and 1st dance. This will allow you to relive and enjoy those special moments shortly after they happen, which will help to 'burn' them into your memory for longer. Remember, you are there for your family and friends but more importantly, because you both fell in love.

