

The No-Phone Wedding

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Some couples are asking guests to put their phones away during the wedding. They may place a basket near the entrance or give guests a small cover for their phones. The couple wants everyone to watch the ceremony instead of taking photos or posting updates. A professional photographer can still record the important moments. Supporters say a phone-free event feels more private and more personal. Guests often talk to one another more when they are not looking at screens. Other people worry that guests may feel uncomfortable without their phones, especially if they need to contact family. The idea creates a modern question about special events: should people save the moment with a camera, or enjoy the moment with their own eyes?

If guests could use only one old piece of technology at the wedding, what would you allow and why?

1. Would you agree to put your phone away at a wedding? Why or why not?
2. What is one wedding moment that should always be photographed?
3. What could guests do instead of checking their phones?

4. Can taking too many photos stop people from enjoying an event? Explain.
5. What funny phone-free activity could the couple prepare for guests?
6. Should phone-free rules also be used at concerts, dinners, or classrooms?