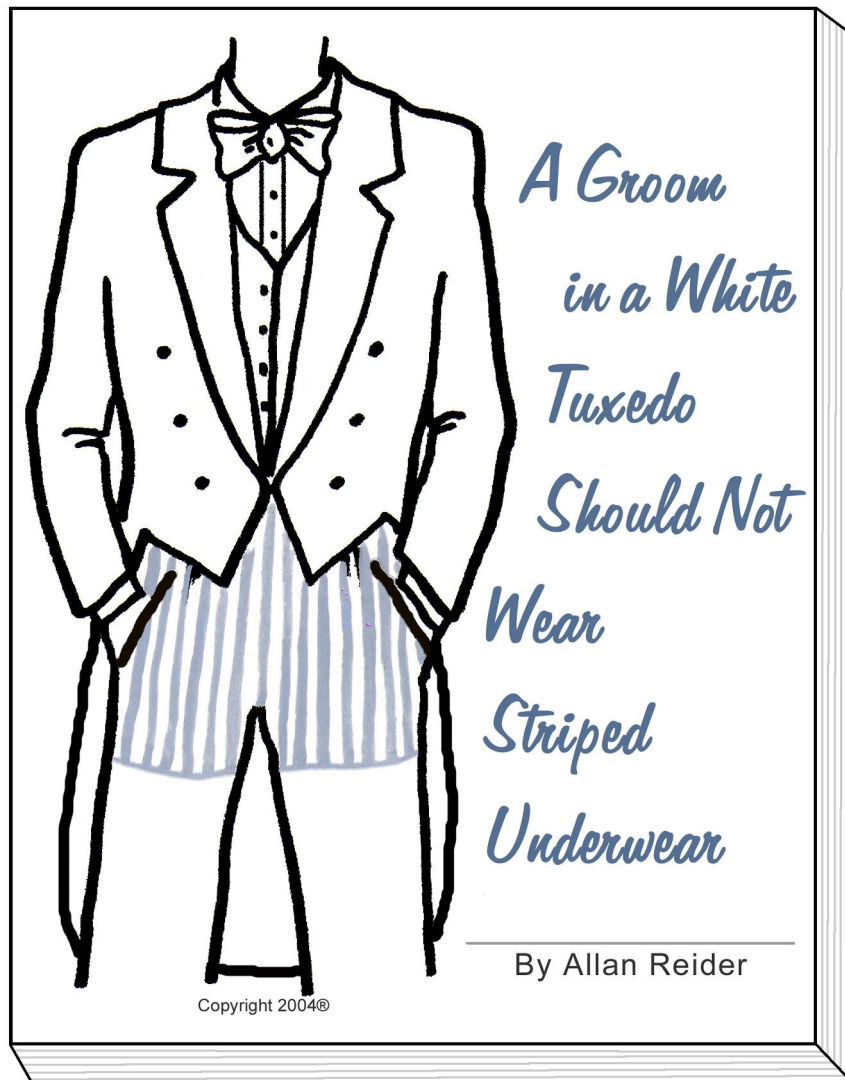


“A Groom in a White Tuxedo Should Not Wear Striped Underwear”

I love the insanity of weddings and I’m writing a book about my wedding experiences.

This is a **rough draft** of my manuscript, which I give to my prospective brides. It is a “behind the scenes” view practical guide to all of the things to avoid that I’ve noticed for over 30 years. The title of my book came from an actual experience.

A groom wearing a semi-transparent white tuxedo had striped underwear underneath which the guests could see.* It was a very hilarious and embarrassing situation.



Ultimate Dream: The bride's ultimate dream is the walk down the aisle. The groom's ultimate dream is to walk down the aisle of the buffet stations during the cocktail hour.

MEN DESIGNING A WEDDING

In general, weddings were never designed for men. If the average man were to plan a wedding, it would go something like this:

Location: Yankee Stadium, McDonald's, beach, fishing boat, bowling alley, golf course, Great Adventure, Disney World, Radio Shack, Hooters, Home Depot, Dicks Sporting Goods. Since marriage is a gamble anyway, consider Las Vegas or Atlantic City.

Photos: By a chimpanzee on roller blades with a disposable camera. The bridal party and family portraits would be done by stuffing them into a photo booth that creates a strip of 4 small photos for a dollar. Or get a Xerox paper copier then place each guests face on it and copy it.

Catering: A large barbecue pit in the middle of the dance floor, five hours of cocktails and a ten minute reception.

Cuisine: Barbeque, beer and White Castle Hamburgers

Officiant:: Native American Indian, peace pipe smoking priest

Ceremony: Bridal party going down the isle in bumper cars. Groom riding down the aisle on a white horse. Officiant bungy jumps from ceiling to altar. Sermon contains references to sports, motorcycles or the stock market.

Ceremony Length: 2 minutes, including procession, recession and receiving line.

Décor: 5 Large HD TVs with sports events, 60 arcade games, pony rides, Ferris wheel, Bull Riding, Rock climbing, water slides, kayak and canoe rides and petting zoo Animals, and a Confessional booth.

Centerpieces: 1daphodil in a Coor's beer bottle. An over the top center piece would include remote controls, shoelaces, basketball, hockey stick, bowling ball, old sneakers & a hub cap.

Restroom: Basketball hoop in the men's room to toss the paper towels into the wastebasket.

Bride's outfit: Red high heels, garter belt and a Madonna or Cher outfit.

Groom's Outfit: Bermuda shorts, sneakers, tee shirt or bare chest, Harley Cowboy hat, Bowtie with flashing LED lights.

Limos: 10 foot wheeled Monster truck with 12 foot bar, led by a 60 Harley Davidson Motorcycle Motorcade and followed by a 400 piece marching band with Super Bowl Half Time Entertainment

Budget Allocation Left over change from a guy's night out.

Music: A 1 man band with an accordion and an organ grinder with a monkey holding a tin cup, for wedding contributions.

Things men can not comprehend: 1. Women

2. Why pay so much money for a wedding dress that you will only wear once?
3. Why pay so much money for flowers that are going to die anyway, when it could be more wisely invested in beer!
4. Why pay so much money for a whole wedding album when 1 snap shot will do?
5. Why pay so much money for china that is used once a year, when patterned paper plates will do?



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Groom's Pocket Check List

A) HOME

1. Don't lose or forget this list.
2. PUT THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR so you remember to show up.
3. EAT BREAKFAST / LUNCH /(LAST SUPPER)
4. DO NOT PLAY SPORTS ON WEDDING DAY one death defying event is enough for 1 day
5. Hair trimmed, **NO HAIR CUT**, hands manicured
6. Wallet (have best man hold it if tux is tight)
7. ATM & CREDIT CARD DRIVERS LICENSE
8. PASSPORT, Watch Car Keys
9. PLANE TICKETS CONFIRMATION NUMBERS
10. Pocket mirror for last minute checks (bowtie straight and face clean etc)
11. Cuff links, Bowtie, Cummerbund, Vest, belt,
12. Jacket, suspenders, Extra socks ,shirt
13. Bring car to reception
14. Contracts: ceremony, reception hall, music, photography, video, officiant, limo, florist, choir, singer soloist, band, florist, party caterer,
15. tent, tables, chairs & table cloth rentals,
16. Parking attendants etc,
17. Tip money, overtime money, band, video. photo
18. Marriage license, Check book, Rings
20. Drinks and food for limo
21. Shoes: formal & comfortable
22. Eyeglasses and / or Contacts & back up set
23. Contact solution Visine
24. List of phone / Cell phone numbers for Bridal Party Family members, Vendors (especially **LIMO DRIVERS**). If someone is running late for the ceremony you need to know.
25. Religious gear: rope, veil, candle, ceremonial food, shawl/tallis/yarmulke /kittle, barong / tagalong, etc Unity candle, matches or lighter (lighter sticks) Wine (white preferred for Mishaps) Wine cup Readings Umbrellas, Aisle runner & tape to secure it, Personal vows, Bring non alcoholic bottled drink & munchies
26. Take care of pets (Not Playboy)
27. Guest directions ceremony to reception
28. Programs & directions & basket, reserve signs
29. Bring extra flowers, boutonnieres , straight pins Septic stick for cuts, Medicated skin color tinted coverup
30. Religious marriage license, Katubah Card, letter or note for bride given to Maid of Honor.
31. Pen for signing marriage license
32. Copy of toast / speech Bridal party gifts

Fold line

33. Medications, Going away clothes
 34. Turn **on** answering machine, Set Alarm system, heat /air conditioning shut off hot plates and food warmers Electric razor touch up Before leaving
 35. Copy of prenuptial agreement ☺
 36. **Set 2** Battery alarm clocks before bedtime.
 37. 3 handkerchiefs, 1 for bride, yourself & Spare
 38. Use electric shaver, less chance of facial cut
 39. Bring Battery shaver for touch up for photos
 40. **Charge your cell phone and extra batteries**
- ### B) CEREMONY
101. Shoe laces tied, Use Suspenders
 102. Bowtie straight and snug
 103. Jacket and vest buttoned
 104. No breath spray or mints, aroma can cause sneezing
 105. Check shoe soles for writing "**HELP ME**", This can be a left over joke from a previous wedding shoe rental.
 106. Boutonniere straight
 107. Adjust suspenders
 108. Make sure wireless lapel mike is on
 109. Be careful what you say
 110. Remember, a potty moment can be recorded on the video sound track
 111. Smokers: check for ashes on black tux
 112. Face clean: Check for lipstick from friends and relatives.
 113. Translucent powder for shiny spots on face~ don't get any on tux
 114. Beware makeup on tux from women's hugs.
 115. Remove sun glasses (unless you're recovering from the bachelor party)
 116. Put away pacifier and blanky
 117. Go to the men's room (remember # 2 takes longer than #1 so plan accordingly)
 118. Get rid of gum
 119. **Fly ZIPPED**
 120. **SHUT OFF CELL PHONE** a call from an x girl friend, or x wife can be embarrassing
 121. Wait for the music cue (Taps)
 122. Do not run, skip, or roller blade to the altar
- ### C) POSED PHOTOGRAPHS
123. Put your hand **UNDER the bride's Veil**, not over it. The veil can be easily pulled off if you place your hand on top of it.
 124. To get closer to the bride, with out stepping on her gown, Lift her gown and slide your feet underneath the gown.
 125. Eliminate jacket bulging in photographs,

pull your jacket down in front and don't raise your arms when you put your arms around the person(s) next to you.

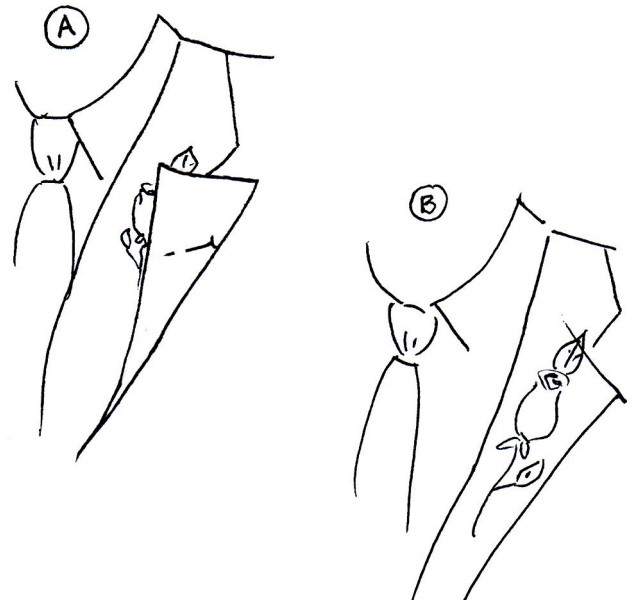
CELL PHONE NUMBERS

Bail Bondsman _____
Gondola Driver _____
Elephant Trainer _____
Prison Release Supervisor _____
Parole Officer _____
Bar Tender _____
Veterinarian _____
Limo Company _____
Limo Driver _____
Bride _____
Maid of honor _____
Groom _____
Bestman _____
Caterer _____
Clergy _____
Ceremony Location _____
Custodian _____
Florist _____
Musician _____
Soloist _____
Reception _____
Brides Parents _____
Grooms Parents _____
Photographer _____
Videographer _____
Airline _____
Hotel _____
Bridal Party Members _____

**Either button the shirt or use the studs.
You cannot use both. If you have a Euro**

Tie and a vest, it wont make any difference.

Do not attempt to open the jacket lapel button hole. You will ruin the tuxedo. It is for decoration only. Flowers on lapels are held in place with a straight pin. It is best if the pin is inserted from the back of the lapel. The pin then goes thru the flower and back out to the back side of the lapel. Be sure to pull the tip back so only a small portion of the tip is exposed. The flower looks better centered on the lapel rather than directly over the button hole. The flower goes on the **left handed lapel.**

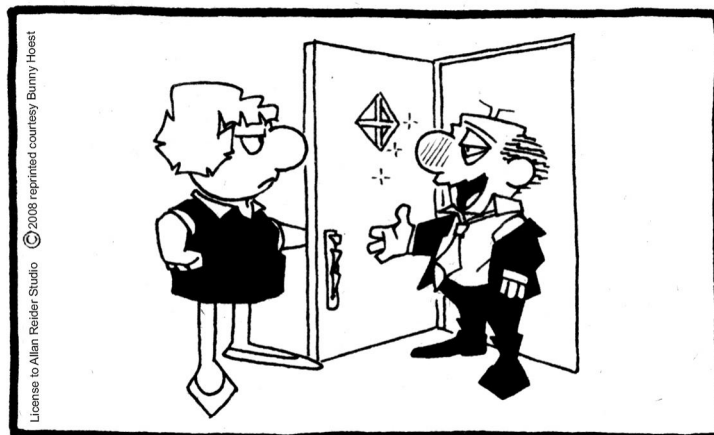


Pinning on Flower

1. Center the flower in the middle of **LEFT** handed lapel. Top of flower should be at top of lapel.
- 2 Hold flower and flip over lapel to the back.
3. From the back of the lapel insert pin through lapel and then the stem of flower and then back out to the back of the lapel.
4. Pull pin back so that only a slight portion of the tip is exposed.
5. For heavy flowers also put a pin through the body of the flower as well

THE BACHELOR PARTY & REHEARSAL DINNER

Try to have it a few weeks before. **DO NOT DO IT THE NIGHT BEFORE.** Bachelor parties can be very unpredictable. One groom showed up the day of the Wedding with stitches and his head shaved from a mishap. He had hit his head on the side of his houseboat, as it was sinking, during the bachelor party. Do not have the rehearsal or rehearsal dinner the night before the wedding. You will be exhausted the day of the wedding. Have the rehearsal dinner a week or 2 before the wedding. If not all family and bridal party members can attend the rehearsal, that is not a problem. They can be informed the day of the wedding where they are to stand etc. Before you book a house of worship check with the officiant. Some can be very rigid and may insist on having the rehearsal the night before. This can affect your ceremony location decision making process.



**"THE BACHELOR PARTY WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS.
HE CALLED OFF THE WEDDING."**