

# Prom Checklist

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- A month or more before Prom:
  - Decide if you are going with a date, as part of a group or ;some combination of the two How large your group is will affect transportation.
  - Start looking around for prom attire Browse online to get ideas. Does your prom have a theme? This may impact your choice of dress.
  - Figure out what type of hairstyle you want For girls, this may be influenced by what type of dress you choose, as well as any hair accessories and jewelry.
  - Check out limo or bus rentals, if you are going as a group, and compare rates Check out carpool options with other parties.
  - Think about where you want to prepare for the event. Will you be getting ready with friends at someone's house, or prepping solo at home?
  - If you plan on dinner before the prom, start checking out ;restaurants If you are part of a group, get a consensus of ;everyone's ;budget and meal ;preferences. Shop around for deals - some restaurants offer group discounts, or deals on special occasion parties.
- A few weeks before Prom:
  - Buy or register for your Prom tickets.
  - Shop around and find your dress or suit You'll want at least a few weeks for this, since you may change your mind or need alterations.
  - Find and buy shoes, or decide which you will be wearing. Make sure they are comfortable enough to be able to walk in for at least a few hours!
  - Decide on hairstyle and make an appointment for the day of the event- Bring pictures so your hair stylist knows what you want.
  - Make other necessary appointments, such as manicure/pedicure or spa treatments These can be done a day or two before the event to save time.
  - Make reservations at the ;restaurant ;or figure out other meal options- Getting take-out food and eating it before you prep is an alternative (and cheaper) dinner plan.
  - Book the limo/bus or devise a driving plan If hiring a driver, arrange all pickup/drop-off details and hours of service beforehand.
  - Order any corsages/boutonnieres.
  - Arrange picture options with friends and family If you are going in a group, plan to meet at a location where everyone can take photographs.
  - Make an after-Prom agenda Make sure you know where you'll be staying, whether at a hotel, your home, or a friend's house.
- The Day of Prom
  - Go to all necessary appointments If you are getting a manicure/pedicure, get nails done first, then hair, ending with makeup.
  - Get dressed Prep at your planned location, and finish off with any accessories.

- Take pictures with the group. Smile!
- Collect money (if you haven't already done so) for the limo driver, or confirm transportation with family or friends.
- Go to the restaurant Make sure to bring enough money for the bill and tip.
- Head to the venue Make sure you have your prom tickets and ID ready.
- Dance, dance dance! Have fun, and act responsibly.