

# Wedding Photography Checklist

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- Before the Ceremony
  - Bride leaving home for the big day.
  - Bride arriving at church.
  - Bride and bridesmaids getting dressed.
  - Bride and maids putting on makeup and doing hair.
  - Gown being zipped or buttoned.
  - Display of something old, new, borrowed and blue.
  - Bride putting on garter and veil.
  - Mother fussing with veil.
  - Bride in gown.
  - Maids receiving bouquets.
  - Pose of bride and mother.
  - Pose of bride and father.
  - Bride looking in mirror
  - Bride pinning on dad's boutonniere and mom's corsage.
  - Bride looking out of a window.
  - Groom tying his tie.
  - Groom looking in a mirror.
  - Groom with best man.
  - Groom with groomsmen/ushers.
  - Groomsmen/ushers receiving boutonnieres.
  - Close-up of invitation and programs.
- At the Ceremony
  - Outside the wedding venue/church.
  - Interior of church/venue while still empty.
  - Officiant.
  - Guests arriving.
  - Bride arriving at ceremony.
  - Guests being escorted to their seats.
  - Guests reading programs.
  - Seating of bride and groom's parents.

- Organist/soloist/vocalists.
- Groom and groomsmen at altar.
- Bridesmaids, flower girl and ring bearer coming down aisle.
- Maid of honor coming down aisle.
- Close-up of bride just before she comes down the aisle.
- Bride being escorted down the aisle.
- Grooms reaction to bride approaching.
- Back of bride and father going down the aisle.
- Father giving bride away.
- Bride and groom exchanging vows.
- Guests from altar point of view.
- Exchange of rings.
- Groom kissing bride.
- Introduction of husband and wife.
- Recessional.
- Signing of the marriage license.
- Bride and groom exiting church/venue.
- Bride and groom on church steps/doorway.
- Guests throwing flower petals/birdseed/confetti.
- Bride and groom getting into vehicle.
- Bride and groom waving/looking out the back window.
- Formal Wedding Photos
  - Bride alone.
  - Bride and groom together.
  - Bride and groom's hands with rings.
  - Bride with maid/matron of honor.
  - Bride with bridesmaids.
  - Bride and father.
  - Bride with mother.
  - Bride with parents.
  - Bride with parents and siblings.
  - Bride with grandparents.
  - Groom with best man.

- Groom with attendants.
- Groom with father.
- Groom with mother.
- Groom with parents.
- Groom with parents and siblings.
- Groom with grandparents.
- Couple with officiant.
- Couple with all attendants.
- Couple with best man and maid/matron of honor.
- Couple with ring bearer and flower girl.
- Couple with both families.
- At the Reception
  - Exterior and interior of venue while still empty.
  - Bride and groom arriving.
  - The receiving line.
  - Wedding cake.
  - Buffet tables/food.
  - Bar setup.
  - Guests signing guest book.
  - The gift table.
  - Any special decorations.
  - Close-up of favors.
  - Bride and groom's first dance.
  - Bride and father dancing.
  - Groom and mother dancing.
  - Wedding party dancing.
  - Bride and groom's parents dancing.
  - Guests dancing.
  - Bride and groom posing at each guest table.
  - Bride and groom cutting the wedding cake.
  - The feeding of the cake.
  - Speeches/toasts.
  - The head table.

- Tables and settings.
- Bride tossing the bouquet.
- Groom taking the garter from bride.
- Groom throwing the garter.
- Bride and groom's last dance.
- The getaway car.