

## THE BRIDE'S CHECKLIST

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### *Wedding Day Apparel*

- Gown pick-up and pressing
  - Shoes
  - Bra
  - Slip
  - Hosiery
  - Jewelry
  - Garter
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### *Emergency Kit*

- A list of phone numbers for bridal party and vendors
  - Sewing kit: matching thread, safety pins and scissors
  - Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue
  - Makeup
  - Skin cleanser, moisturizer and makeup remover
  - Lotion
  - Deodorant
  - Toothbrush, toothpaste and mouthwash
  - Antacid: aspirin, allergy medication and bottled water
  - Breathmints
  - Fingernail polish: color to match nails, clear to stop nylon runs
  - Hair styling items: hair dryer, curlers, comb, brush, hand mirror, hairspray, bobby pins
  - Extra pairs of hosiery for bride and bridesmaids
  - Handi-wipes, Kleenex
  - Portable iron or steamer
  - Anti-cling spray
  - Tape
  - Extra cash, coins and bills
  - Camera with film
  - Fingernail files
  - Super Glue (nails)
  - Plastic bags for clean-ups
  - Extra earring backs
  - Spray-on spot remover
  - White tailor's chalk for smudges on gown
  - Toupee tape for fallen hems
  - Small bag of easy-to-pack snacks
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### *Last But Not Least*

- Marriage license
  - Groom's ring
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### *Your Name Change*

**Keeping Your Maiden Name** - Women who have established a professional career using their maiden name may choose to continue using that name. This is perfectly acceptable and legal in forty-nine states. Hawaii, the exception, requires that a woman declare her married name when signing the marriage license.

**Using Both Names** - It is possible for a woman to use her maiden name at work and career related functions, yet legally take her husband's surname. The other option is to use the husband's name for social and family purposes, and legally keep her maiden name.

**Hyphenating Your Name** - This option requires a hyphen after the bride's maiden name followed by her husband's surname. (Sandra Smith becomes Sandra Smith-Fisher.)

**Changing Your Name** - Women opting to change their name both socially and legally, should address this matter

upon returning from the honeymoon. A request should be made for a separate credit history to be maintained under the bride's maiden name. It is wise for a woman to keep one or two credit cards under her maiden name to maintain a credit rating in the event she is widowed or divorced.

### **Name Change Checklist**

- Auto Registration
- Bank Accounts
- Car Insurance
- Credit Cards
- Credit Reporting Agency
- Deeds
- Doctor/Dental Records
- Driver's License
- Employee Records
- Internal Revenue Service
- Life Insurance Policy
- Memberships
- Passport
- Post Office
- Property Titles
- Savings Accounts
- Social Security Card
- Stock Certificates
- Voter Registration
- Will