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Bride's Scam Checklist: Stay Smart While You Plan

Planning a wedding means juggling a million details - and scammers know it. Use this checklist to stay protected from digital fraud during your engagement and beyond.



Email and Account Safety

- Always click and expand the sender's name before trusting an email. "Apple Support" might really be scammer473@something-weird.com.
- Never click links in emails or texts about suspicious charges, fake invoices, or missed deliveries.
- Go directly to the website or app (Amazon, PayPal, USPS, etc.) and log in to check.



Payment and Banking Scams

- Never enter banking, credit card, or PayPal info from a link — always log in directly through the app or website.
- If you get a message that your account is limited or frozen, verify it from the real app, not the email or text.
- Don't refund someone unless you personally see the original payment in your account. Screenshots can be faked.

Online Shopping Safety



- Before buying from a new boutique (especially on Instagram or TikTok), Google the store name with the word "scam" or "review."
- Be suspicious of deals that seem too good to be true, especially from shops with no reviews or contact information.
- Avoid stores that only accept payment through apps like Zelle, CashApp, or Venmo with no customer protection.



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Facebook and Marketplace Sales

- Never trust a buyer who sends screenshots of payment. Always log into your payment account to confirm the money is there.
- Don't refund or send money back to someone you don't know, even if they claim they overpaid.
- Stick to porch pickups or in-person, cash transactions when selling locally in Facebook or wedding resale groups.
- Never go alone to pickup an item!
- If items are smaller, ask seller to meet you in a public place.
- Avoid going into someone else's home at all costs! Your safety is not worth a bargain!



Final Tips

- If it feels rushed, panicky, or suspicious — it probably is.
- Take a breath. Double-check everything before clicking, buying, or replying.
- Use a credit card, not a debit card, for large wedding purchases when possible — credit cards offer better fraud protection.

Hey Brides: Print this out and keep it with your wedding planner, or save it in your inbox folder. One slow click can save you big money and even bigger headaches!!