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## Getting the Most from Your Wedding Suit Fitting



So you're set for your wedding suit fitting; you have the shops earmarked or appointments booked, but is there anything else needed apart from simply turning up? The answer is yes, but it does depend on the store or stores that you are visiting and what importance is placed on fittings. To me fittings are as important as your outfit style and colour choices.

### **Go Prepared**

In winter do you simply go to your suit fitting in with your bulbous jumper and wellies? In summer do you go in shorts, T-shirt and flip flops? You can do, but your fitting will be hindered should the store(s) you visit not have a shirt, socks or shoes for you to try on with your outfit.

Of course, in the more forward thinking stores this is sorted, but there are some out there which do not offer such a facility. Therefore it is advisable to either wear a shirt or take one with you to your fitting, especially if it is the one you will be wearing on your big day. It's also advisable to take some shoes and socks as well, just in case.

### **Group Fittings**

A group fitting is better if the outfits have already been chosen by a prior visit by the bride and groom, the attendees names are logged, quotes given or order made / deposit paid.

It is often the case that a groom wants all of his attendees to attend a fitting at the same time. Is this a good idea? It is on one hand, as it's 'job done' in one hit, but will you get the best out of the store or indeed the staff member when they are serving 4, 5, 6+ people at once? Also, it is often the case that your group would have not seen each other for a while, so whilst we

applaud having a good giggle, this type of group fitting can be a tad 'unruly', potentially hindering decent service or concentration.

Given that I have customers who travel for miles, logistics may determine that a group visit is the only way. This is fine and of course can be catered for, but what I suggest is 2-3 sittings within the appointment block. This way the staff member involved can focus on 2-3 fittings at a time to ensure accuracy.

Remember, you could have chosen the most expensive, glamorous, and fantastic outfit, but if it doesn't fit well, say no more.