CALIFORNIA WEDDING ASSOCIATION

# Wedding Day Emergency Kit Checklist

A practical packing list for small problems, unexpected weather, and last-minute saves.

A complimentary planning resource for California couples

Smart setup
Divide the kit into labeled pouches and give it to a coordinator or trusted person - not the couple.
Confirm allergies and never distribute medication without the individual's knowledge and consent.

# Attire and fabric

- [ ] Fashion tape
- [ ] Safety pins in several sizes
- [ ] Sewing kit with matching thread
- [ ] Small scissors
- [ ] Lint roller
- [ ] Stain-removal pen
- [ ] White chalk for temporary dress marks
- [ ] Hem tape
- [ ] Extra buttons and fasteners
- [ ] Shoe cushions and blister bandages
- [ ] Clear nail polish for small stocking runs
- [ ] Portable steamer used away from people and smoke detectors

# Beauty and personal care

- [ ] Tissues and blotting papers
- [ ] Cotton swabs and cotton pads
- [ ] Hairpins, elastics, comb, and brush
- [ ] Hair spray and anti-frizz product
- [ ] Makeup touch-up products
- [ ] Nail file and neutral polish
- [ ] Deodorant and body wipes
- [ ] Mints and floss picks
- [ ] Contact-lens supplies and eyeglass cloth
- [ ] Sunscreen
- [ ] Menstrual products

# Health and comfort

- [ ] Adhesive bandages
- [ ] Antiseptic wipes
- [ ] Disposable cold pack
- [ ] Water and electrolyte packets
- [ ] Easy-to-eat snacks
- [ ] Personal prescription medication
- [ ] Pain reliever or allergy medication only for the person who brings and approves it
- [ ] Hand sanitizer
- [ ] Insect repellent
- [ ] Earplugs
- [ ] Small first-aid instructions card

# Ceremony and paperwork

- [ ] Marriage license and required identification
- [ ] Printed vows and ceremony readings
- [ ] Two good black-ink pens
- [ ] Rings and ring boxes
- [ ] Printed master timeline
- [ ] Vendor contact sheet
- [ ] Seating chart and guest list
- [ ] Copies of speeches or toasts
- [ ] Payment and gratuity envelopes
- [ ] Emergency contact card

# Technology and tools

- [ ] Charged power banks and cables
- [ ] Extension cord and power strip approved by venue
- [ ] Flashlight
- [ ] Batteries required by personal items
- [ ] Phone tripod
- [ ] Small toolkit
- [ ] Gaffer tape
- [ ] Zip ties
- [ ] Permanent marker and removable labels
- [ ] Copies of key playlists or files on a USB drive

# Weather and outdoor needs

- [ ] Clear umbrellas
- [ ] Hand fans
- [ ] Portable misting fan where appropriate
- [ ] Wraps or blankets
- [ ] Heel protectors for grass
- [ ] Towels
- [ ] Ponchos for setup crew
- [ ] Weights or clips for signs and lightweight decor
- [ ] Air-quality masks for a smoke contingency
- [ ] Backup indoor directions for guests

# End-of-night

- [ ] Comfortable shoes
- [ ] Change of clothes
- [ ] Gift and card transport container
- [ ] Cake or leftover-food containers
- [ ] Trash bags
- [ ] Garment bags and hangers
- [ ] Rental return checklist
- [ ] Keys and parking validation
- [ ] Hotel confirmation and transportation plan

# Assign responsibility

- [ ] Emergency-kit holder: _____
- [ ] Marriage-license holder: _____
- [ ] Ring holder: _____
- [ ] Vendor decision-maker: _____
- [ ] Gift and card transporter: _____
- [ ] End-of-night personal-item sweep: _____