

THE STRONGER LIFE

Wedding Day Emergency Kit

Groom Edition

Look sharp and feel ready for every moment of your big day.
Hand this kit to your best man and let him have your back from suit-up to send-off.

Names:

Wedding Date: _____

Venue:

Ceremony Time: _____

GROOMING & STYLE

- Comb / brush (match your style)
- Hair product (pomade, gel, or paste)
- Travel-size hair spray (hold all day)
- Deodorant (clinical strength recommended)
- Cologne (sample vial — don't overdo it)
- Shaving kit / razor / electric trimmer
- Shaving cream + aftershave balm
- Nose / ear hair trimmer (seriously, check)
- Styptic pencil (stops shaving nicks instantly)
- Lint roller (compact, travel-size)
- Handkerchief (one for pocket, one for tears)
- Tissues (travel pack)
- Shoe polish wipes or shine cloth
- Teeth whitening strips (night before)
- Facial moisturizer (non-greasy, matte)
- Oil-absorbing sheets (for face shine in photos)

PRO TIP: Apply cologne to your pulse points — wrists and behind the ears — not your suit. Fabric holds scent differently and can stain. A styptic pencil costs a couple dollars at any drugstore and stops a shaving nick in seconds. Pack two handkerchiefs: one for your breast pocket and one in your inside jacket pocket for when the emotions hit during the vows.

WARDROBE & SUIT RESCUE

- Backup tie or bowtie (same color family)
- Extra cufflinks / tie clip
- Boutonniere pins (extras for groomsmen too)
- Safety pins (assorted sizes)
- Mini sewing kit (black, navy, gray thread)
- Fashion tape (double-sided, for lapels)
- Static guard spray
- Wrinkle-release spray (suits wrinkle in transit)
- Small scissors
- Stain remover pen (e.g., Tide-to-Go)
- Extra dress socks (matching, dark)
- Extra undershirt (white, fitted)
- Shoe horn (avoids crushing the heel)
- Belt (backup, in case one breaks)
- Collar stays (extras — they always disappear)
- Suit brush (removes dust and lint fast)

PRO TIP: Wrinkle-release spray is the groom's secret weapon. Suits that travel in garment bags still wrinkle at the shoulders and back. Give it a quick spray, hang for five minutes, and you're sharp. Always pack extra collar stays — they vanish from dress shirts like socks vanish from dryers. A suit brush handles what a lint roller can't.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Pain reliever (ibuprofen + acetaminophen)
- Allergy medicine (non-drowsy formula)
- Antacid tablets (Tums / Pepto chewables)
- Anti-nausea medication (nerves are real)
- Bandaids (assorted + blister pads)
- Eye drops (redness relief for photos)
- Contact lens solution + spare contacts
- Prescription medications (don't forget these)
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+, non-greasy, face-safe)
- Bug spray (unscented, for outdoor venues)
- Throat lozenges (dry mouth from nerves)
- Electrolyte packets (hydrate without bloating)
- Lip balm (SPF, no shine for photos)
- Small first aid kit

PRO TIP: Grooms get nervous too — dry mouth, upset stomach, headaches are all common. Throat lozenges help with the dry-mouth problem that hits right before you say your vows. Eye drops before photos make a real difference, especially if you celebrated a little too much at the rehearsal dinner. Use matte lip balm so your lips don't look shiny in close-ups.

FUEL & HYDRATION

- Water bottle (stay hydrated all day)
- Protein bars / beef jerky
- Mixed nuts or trail mix
- Granola bars or energy bars
- Sandwiches or wraps (pre-packed, easy to eat)
- Sports drink or coconut water
- Mints / breath strips (skip gum for photos)
- Floss picks (quick, discreet)
- Hard candies (quick energy before ceremony)
- Coffee or energy drink (morning only!)

PRO TIP: Eat a real meal before you put on the suit — not after. Grease stains on a white shirt are a nightmare. Have your best man hand you a protein bar an hour before the ceremony; low blood sugar makes you lightheaded and pale in photos. Skip gum once the photographer arrives — it shows in every candid shot. Cut off caffeine by early afternoon to avoid the jitters during your vows.

EMOTIONAL PREP & MINDSET

- Handwritten note to your bride (to give)
- Letter from your bride (to read, if exchanging)
- Personal vows (printed on a card, not phone)
- Photo of a loved one who can't be there
- Meaningful keepsake (family heirloom, memento)
- Encouraging Scripture or quote card
- Playlist for getting-ready time with the guys
- List of 3 simple breathing exercises
- Journal or notepad (write down a moment)
- Gratitude note (5 things about your bride)

PRO TIP: Here's something most grooms don't think about: write down one thing you want to remember from today BEFORE the ceremony starts. The day moves so fast that details blur together by evening. A short gratitude note about your bride, read privately before you walk out, will center your heart and calm your nerves better than anything else. If a parent or grandparent has passed, carry something of theirs in your jacket pocket — a watch, a coin, a photo.

TECH & ESSENTIALS

- Phone charger (Lightning + USB-C)
- Portable power bank (fully charged)
- Phone on SILENT reminder (tell groomsmen too)
- Copy of vows (printed backup on card stock)
- Copy of marriage license
- ID / driver's license
- Cash (tips: \$1s, \$5s, \$10s, \$20s)
- Credit card (emergencies)
- Vendor tip envelopes (labeled + sealed)
- Hotel room key (if staying nearby)
- Car key / rideshare app ready
- Small Bluetooth speaker (getting-ready tunes)

PRO TIP: Pre-label and seal your vendor tip envelopes and give them to your best man the morning of. You shouldn't be thinking about money on your wedding day. Print your vows on a nice card — phone screens glare in sunlight, batteries die, and hands shake. A printed card also makes a beautiful keepsake you can frame later.

WEATHER & OUTDOOR PREP

- Umbrella (dark or clear, not bright colors)
- Sunglasses (for between photos, not during)
- Mini battery-powered fan (summer weddings)
- Hand warmers (fall / winter ceremonies)
- Extra jacket layer (outdoor evening receptions)
- Towel (for dew on chairs or benches)
- Poncho or rain jacket (transport to venue)
- Sweat-proof undershirt (game changer in heat)

PRO TIP: If your wedding is outdoors in summer, a sweat-proof undershirt is the single best investment you'll make. Thompson Tees and similar brands stop sweat from reaching your dress shirt entirely. Hand warmers tucked inside suit jacket pockets keep your hands warm for an outdoor winter ceremony without anyone seeing them.

GROOMSMEN COORDINATION

- Groomsmen gift bags (distribute morning-of)
- Getting-ready outfit (matching shirts for photos)
- Extra boutonniere pins (someone always needs one)
- Extra collar stays and cufflinks
- Printed timeline for each groomsman
- Processional order card (who walks when)
- Best man duties checklist (rings, toast, etc.)
- Contact list for entire wedding party
- Groomsmen emergency kit (lint roller, mints, etc.)
- Thank-you cards for the guys

PRO TIP: Give your best man a printed checklist: hold the rings, manage the emergency kit, keep groomsmen on schedule, cue the DJ for the toast, and wrangle everyone for group photos. Pack a small "groomsmen kit" with a shared lint roller, extra mints, and safety pins — at least one groomsman will need something he didn't bring.

RING & CEREMONY ESSENTIALS

- Wedding rings (confirm with best man!)
- Ring box or pouch (for safe transport)
- Printed vows or vow booklet
- Marriage license + signing pen (blue or black ink)
- Unity ceremony supplies (if applicable)
- Ceremony programs (extra copies)
- Reserved seating signs (for family rows)
- Pocket square (folded and ready)
- Boutonniere (stored in fridge until go-time)
- Officiant's gift (if giving one)

PRO TIP: The number one groom panic moment? Not knowing where the rings are. Designate ONE person — your best man — and confirm with him twice: once the night before and once the morning of. Keep the boutonniere in a fridge or cooler until 20 minutes before photos; heat wilts flowers fast. Use blue or black ink for the marriage license — some counties reject other colors.

RECEPTION & AFTER-PARTY

- Comfortable shoes (if switching from dress shoes)
- Second outfit (optional, for after-party)
- Touch-up kit (move from getting-ready room)
- Phone charger at head table (discreet)
- Toast notes (printed, not on phone)
- Cake-cutting set (confirm with caterer)
- Toasting flutes (if bringing your own)
- Gift card box security (assign someone)
- Departure items (sparklers, bubbles, etc.)
- Overnight bag packed and in car / hotel
- Post-wedding snack (you WILL be hungry later)
- Bride's comfortable shoes (she'll thank you)

PRO TIP: Pack your overnight bag and put it in the car BEFORE the ceremony — you will not want to deal with it at midnight. If you're giving a toast to your bride, print your notes on a card; reading from your phone looks unpolished. Bonus move: stash a pair of your bride's flats under the head table. She'll think you're a hero when her feet are aching at hour three.

GROOM'S MORNING-OF TIMELINE

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| ■ Eat a real breakfast (before the suit goes on) | ■ Shower + grooming routine |
| ■ Shave carefully (styptic pencil nearby) | ■ Style hair + light product |
| ■ Put on undershirt, dress shirt, pants first | ■ Jacket and boutonniere go on LAST |
| ■ Read note from bride (if exchanging) | ■ Give groomsmen their gifts |
| ■ Confirm rings with best man | ■ Confirm marriage license is at the venue |
| ■ Hand tip envelopes to best man | ■ Final mirror check (collar, tie, pocket square) |
| ■ Phone on SILENT (tell groomsmen too!) | ■ One deep breath — you've got this, brother. |

BEST MAN'S GAME PLAN — ASSIGN IT & FORGET IT

TASK	ASSIGNED TO
Manage this emergency kit	_____
Hold the rings until ceremony	_____
Carry the marriage license to venue	_____
Distribute vendor tip envelopes	_____
Wrangle groomsmen for group photos	_____
Keep groom fed and hydrated	_____
Cue DJ for toasts and first dance	_____
Secure gift card box at reception	_____
Drive overnight bags to hotel	_____
Return rental suits (next business day)	_____

PRO TIP: Fill this out at the rehearsal dinner and hand a copy to your best man. Your only job on your wedding day is to show up, be present, and marry the love of your life. Let your guys handle the rest — that's what they're there for.

NOTES & REMINDERS
