

LIGHTROOM + EXCIRE SAFE DE-DUPE CHEAT SHEET

Designer One-Page Edition

BEFORE YOU START

- Left panel: **Excire Search** → **Search for Duplicates**
- Grid View (press G)
- Filmstrip ON
- Library Filter visible (press \)
- Right Panel: Excire Duplicate Tools (Find Best Image, Next Group)

MAIN LOOP — Repeat for Each Duplicate Group

1. Select Group

Click any image in the group in Grid View.

2. Filter to EDITED Photos

Library Filter → Attribute → Edited (slider icon).

If no images appear, this group has no edits.

3. Flag Edited Keepers

Press **P**.

4. Clear Edited Filter

Toggle Edited icon OFF to show whole group again.

5. Use Excire to Pick Best Unedited Version

Click **Find Best Image** in Excire panel.

6. Flag the Selected Keeper

Press **P**.

7. Move to Next Duplicate Group

Click **Next Group** in Excire panel.

DO NOT DELETE UNTIL ALL GROUPS ARE REVIEWED

You may process many groups first, then delete safely in one batch.

SAFE BULK DELETE (When All Groups Are Flagged)

8. Show Only Unflagged Photos

Library Filter → Attribute → Unflagged icon.

9. Select All Duplicates

Cmd + A

10. Delete Permanently

Press Delete → choose **Delete from Disk** (NEVER Remove from Catalog).

11. Clear Filters & Verify

Ensure only keepers remain, one per group.

SAFETY RULES

- Never delete while Edited/Unedited filters are ON (except Step 8).
- Each group must have at least one flagged keeper BEFORE deleting.
- Always delete using **Delete from Disk**.
- Stop immediately if any group seems to have zero flagged images.