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THE LATEST LIQUOR LAWS FOR WEDDING PARTIES: Despite Utah's notoriously strict liquor laws, serving alcohol at your reception is a relatively stressfree task. You do not need any type of license because weddings are considered privately hosted social functions (meaning you are not charging for drinks); it is no different than serving alcohol in your home. This means you do not technically need a licensed or certified bartender unless your venue has its own policy on the matter. The only time a wedding party may need a permit is if they wish to serve beer out of a keg. But you can easily avoid the hassle and paperwork by opting for cans or bottles instead. However, a couple might run a small risk of liability if an alcoholic beverage is served to a minor. Likewise, all alcoholic drinks at your reception

must be purchased from in-state liquor stores or will be considered contraband. If you have your heart set on that Napa Valley-exclusive chardonnay, the UDABC can make special orders.

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SEATING CHARTS: TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR GUESTS PART OF THE CELEBRATION On top of all the chaos

surrounding the big day, you definitely don't want your guests playing an impromptu game of musical chairs at the reception. Do your guests a favor and be sure to assign seating. After finalizing a guest list, decide whether you want a head table for the bridal party, and, if so, who exactly will sit there. If you decide to nix the head table, you may want to consider a sweetheart table just for the newlyweds, so you stand out to your guests. Ask your venue for a diagram of the room to help you plot out the rest of the tables. Make sure to mix the bride and groom's families, friends, and co-workers so guests have a chance to get acquainted. To add some whimsy to the event, eschew traditional table numbers

for more creative labels, such as ski runs, love songs, or flowers. Remember to pass on your final plans to your venue, so they can prepare the table settings.

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THE BRIDAL GOWN, WHAT IS PROPER ETIQUETTE?

The wedding gown and bridesmaids' dresses set the tone for the entire wedding, so make sure the attire reflects your personality and is appropriate. Remember to be respectful when showing skin. Etiquette calls for no bare shoulders or cleavage in a religious setting. Many bridal shops will sew in a sleeve, wide strap, or bust panel that can later snap out for the reception. The color of your dress is up to you. White may be the traditional dress color, but over the years, creams and pastels have become just as fashionable-regardless of whether this is your first or fourth marriage. Choose a dress for comfort as well as style, as you will be in this dress for many hours. And don't forget good foundations. Great foundation garments can make you look

and feel incredible in your wedding dress. Plan to visit a good lingerie shop and ask for expert assistance with the fitting. Also remember when choosing your bridesmaids dresses to choose a color that you like and wear quite often. You will be surrounded by that color all day and want to feel comfortable and complemented by that color.

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