

ETIQUETTE GUIDE FAQ

Let us help you answer some commonly ask questions about wedding stationery

SHOULD YOU USE MS OR MISS FOR A DIVORCED FEMALE GUEST?

Today it is acceptable for both married and divorced women to be referred to by their first names after the title Mrs.--as in "Mrs. Mary McGowan."

A married woman can choose to be addressed as either "Mrs. Mary McGowan" or "Mrs. John McGowan." In the case of a divorced woman, Mrs. [or Ms.] is correct only if she has retained her former husband's last name and she uses her first name, not his. (Many women retain their married name so that the last name won't differ from their children's.) Otherwise, she is referred to as Ms. or Miss.

HOW DO YOU INDICATE YOUR INVITEE CAN BRING A DATE?

On the outer envelope use the invitee name followed by "and guest".

WHAT IS THE PROPER ETIQUETTE FOR ADDRESSING ENVELOPES TO TITLED GUESTS?

Use the invitee's title and full name on the outer envelope.

IS THERE A CORRECT WAY TO INVITE THE CHILDREN OF YOUR GUESTS?

Add the first names only of the children on the envelope under the names of the parents or address the envelope Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Sheridan and Family

WHAT IF THE COUPLES YOU WANT TO INVITE ARE NOT MARRIED BUT ARE LIVING TOGETHER?

Address the envelopes with e.g. 'Mr. John Doe and Miss Mary Brown'.

HOW FAR IN ADVANCE SHOULD YOU SEND WEDDING INVITATIONS?

WHAT IS THE PROPER DATE TO ASK FOR THE REPLY CARD?

Ideally, invitations should go out six to eight weeks before the wedding -- that gives guests sufficient time to make travel arrangements if they are from out-of-town. Reply cards can be requested four weeks before the wedding date so that you have a final head count and start making your seating chart and table place cards.