



SAMPLE WEDDING TIMELINE

THE LINCOLN LOFT & STUDIO

10:00

- Arrive at The Lincoln Loft
- Hair & Makeup / Getting Ready
- Upgrades in Bridal Suite delivered

2:00

- Hair & Makeup Complete
- Full bridal party arrive at The Lincoln Loft

2:30

- First Look Photos / Bridal Party Photos

3:30

- Officiant & Guests begin to arrive

3:50

- Loft coordinator lines bridal party up in suite
- Loft staff asks everyone takes there seats for the ceremony

4:00

- Ceremony Begins

4:30 - 5:30

- Cocktail hour begins & bar opens

5:30

- Introductions & first dance
- Parent dances

5:45

- Toasts

6:00 - 7:00

- Dinner begins
- Bar closed / cash Bar

7:00

- Bar reopens
- Cake Cutting / dessert bar opens
- Dance floor opens

9:30

- Open Bar closes /cash bar available

10:00 - 11:00

- Event ends / cleanup
- Distribute gratuities to vendors
- Off-site after party starts



HELPFUL TIPS & SUGGESTIONS WHILE PLANNING YOUR TIMELINE

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Vendor Setup & Arrival Times:

Photographer: Arrival of your photographer will depend on your selected package with them. Typically, they will arrive before the first look to snap some getting ready photos and all of your wedding details.

Hair & Makeup: Your rental time at the loft starts at 10:00am. If you need more time for hair and makeup in the bridal suite - please inquire for an hourly rate. Depending on your bridal party size and HMUA team - you may not need to extend your time in the suite.

Catering: We recommend that your caterer arrives to unload, prep & set tables at least two hours before your ceremony time. It's always nice when they come setup early and arrive back at the loft a half hour or so before guests arrive.

*It is important to us that they are not setting up during the ceremony time.

DJ/Band: We recommend that your music vendor arrives at least two hours before guests to give them ample time for setup, clean up and sound check.

Florists: Usually the first vendor on site on wedding day - we recommend a morning arrival between 10:00 -11:00 to ensure appropriate setup time for table floral and any installations.

Baker: They are welcome to come as early as 10:00 the morning of the wedding and we recommend their setup take place no later than two hours prior to guests arrival.

Officiant: We love to see officiants arrive early to rehearse and scope out the ceremony spot. We suggest that they arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the ceremony.

Why We Highly Recommend a First Look:

We love a first look for MANY reasons - but our favorite reasons are:

1. A first look calms nerves.
2. You get to enjoy cocktail hour with your guests.
3. Your hair, makeup and flowers are as fresh as possible for photos.
4. First look photos are so intimate and emotional!
5. You'll provide a better experience for your family, bridal party & guests.
6. You create the opportunity for lots of extra (well-lit) photos.
7. You will feel less rushed and more present.

Choosing NOT to see each other prior to the wedding has a dramatic impact on your timeline, and honestly the number of photos you have time to take or the amount of time your guests are waiting while you take photos.

We support your decision, but if you are getting married October - March, PLEASE make sure you take sunset into account prior to setting your timeline.