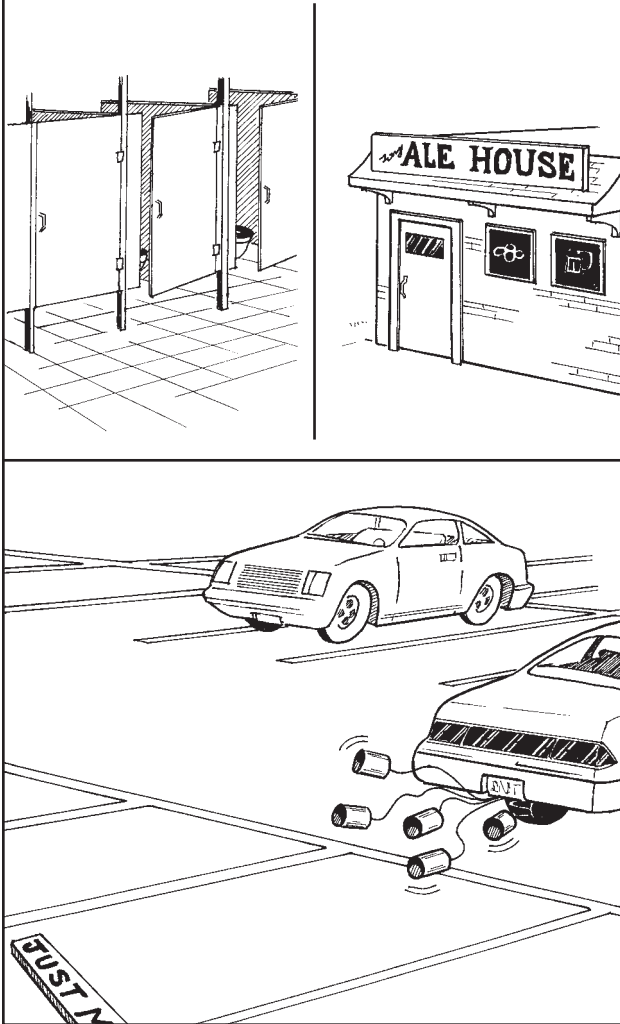


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# HOW TO FIND THE GROOM

- 1 Be patient.**  
The groom will probably be back in a minute.
- 2 Locate the best man.**  
The best man should know the groom's whereabouts at all times. If he does not, enlist his help in the search. If both the groom and the best man are missing, seek help from the ushers or the groom's parents and siblings.
- 3 Establish communication procedures.**  
Equip all members of the search party with mobile phones. Exchange numbers and set up a phone tree. Alternatively, set up a conference call and stay on the line.
- 4 Split up.**  
You will cover more ground more quickly with multiple people searching independently.
- 5 Check the bathroom.**  
The groom may be adjusting his attire, mopping his brow, or dealing with a nervous stomach.
- 6 Check the front and rear entrances of the building.**  
The groom may be getting some air to calm his nerves.

### Where Is the Groom?



#### 7 Check the water cooler.

Look for vending machines and a water fountain. The groom may be having a glass of water to cool off.

#### 8 Check the parking lot.

See if the car the groom arrived in is still there.

#### 9 Check nearby bars.

Check the bus depot, train station, and airport.

### Be Aware

- Do not approach guests and ask if they have seen the groom. This will be awkward, at best.
- After the groom has been missing for two hours, announce to guests that there has been a change in scheduling.

### HOW TO STALL THE CEREMONY

#### 1 Keep music playing.

#### 2 Announce a short delay.

The best man or maid of honor should deliver the message: "Sorry, we are running a little late. We will let you know when we are ready to begin."

#### 3 Serve food and alcohol.

If the ceremony and reception are happening in the same place, instruct the caterer to pass cold hors d'oeuvres and glasses of champagne.

**4 Stay out of sight.**

The bride should not mingle with the guests while the hunt for the groom continues. With neither the bride nor the groom present, guests will not become as suspicious.

**5 Show photo albums/videos of the happy couple.**

**6 Ask if anyone else wants to get married.**

A spontaneous wedding is a memorable opening act, and doesn't increase the costs.

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