

# HOW TO SURVIVE IF SOMEONE OBJECTS

- 1 Laugh it off.**  
Smile, laugh, and keep things moving.
- 2 Make a joke.**  
If the protester persists, loudly exclaim, “Mom, it’s going to be all right,” or “I thought we were serving the liquor after the ceremony!”
- 3 Turn the crowd against the protester.**  
Say “This is the most important day of our lives, and we ask that you honor it with us.”
- 4 Direct the best man to handle it.**  
If the guest continues to object, the best man should approach her, tell her quietly that she is disrupting the ceremony, and escort her out or to a side room, giving her the attention she craves.
- 5 Consider the objection in private.**  
If the protester might have a legitimate objection (the groom is currently married to her), the best man should tell the bride, groom, and officiant, who should all discuss the matter before the ceremony continues.

## Be Aware

The consent of guests is not required for the marriage ceremony to be completed.

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