

Wedding Speech Safety Checklist

ToastBuddy room-readiness pass

If the person being celebrated would tense up before the punchline, rewrite the story.

Cut or rewrite

- ☐ Past relationships, exes, or dating-app stories
- ☐ Bachelor or bachelorette party details
- ☐ Medical, money, legal, fertility, or family information
- ☐ Jokes about appearance, age, commitment, or intelligence
- ☐ Stories built around drunkenness or humiliation
- ☐ Private nicknames that need a long explanation
- ☐ Inside jokes only five people understand
- ☐ Any claim you would not make with the person's grandparents present

Keep

- ☐ A public habit the person enjoys about themselves
- ☐ A story where you are also part of the joke
- ☐ A funny setup that ends in genuine admiration
- ☐ One line of context every guest can understand
- ☐ A clear turn from friendship to the couple
- ☐ A final wish the room can join

Final aloud check

Read the speech once and ask:

1. Is the joke affectionate from the subject's point of view?
2. Does the story reveal character, or only create spectacle?
3. Can a guest outside the friend group follow it?

4. Is the full speech under four minutes?
5. Does the final sentence clearly invite the toast?

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