

“CHILDREN AT YOUR WEDDING”



Call All Guests with Children

After your invitation is sent (or better yet, before), make a call to your friends and family who have children to explain that your wedding is or isn't child-friendly. "If you're willing to invite this person to your wedding, you should be willing to pick up the phone and have a conversation with her," Becker says. This is an especially effective approach if you're worried about a stubborn friend or flaky relative bringing her children against your wishes. Becker adds: "And, if you're arranging for childcare services, a telephone call is a great way to let the parents know that their children will be well taken care of at the wedding."

Address Invitation Explicitly

Address your envelopes properly. Becker says the traditional way to indicate whether a child is invited is to include his name on the invitation. If your card will have both an outer and inner envelope, his parents' names should appear on the outer envelope, but on the inner, his name should be written beneath his parents' names. (If you're using just an outer envelope, of course, the child's name should also be on it.) If the child is over age 18, he should receive a separate invitation, even if he's still living at home. Becker feels that it's "generally not in good taste to address an envelope to 'Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Smith and Family,'" since the wording can be vague. However, Kaforey says the phrasing's okay as long as you write the names of those invited on the inside envelope.



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