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MARRIAGE LICENSE guide

Don't forget that essential piece of paper....

Getting married is a legal act, and you'll require a marriage license to make your union official. License requirements vary by state, and sometimes by county within a state, so be sure to call the marriage license bureau in the county where your wedding will be held to verify the details. Most licenses expire after a certain period and some states have a waiting period of one to several days, so make sure you plan ahead!

Marriage license bureaus generally require you to pay in cash, and in most places both bride and groom must apply together, in person. You'll need specific identification - in many states a photo ID (like a driver's license) and Social Security card will suffice, but other places may require a certified birth certificate. (Also bring your divorce decree if you're divorced, or a death certificate if you're widowed.) The majority of states have dropped the blood test requirements, but some do retain it or another medical requirement, as listed below.

Once you have your marriage license, don't lose it! You'll give it to your officiant before the ceremony, where you two and the officiant (and in some states your witnesses) will sign it. The couple will mail it to the New York City Clerk, and generally you'll get a certified marriage certificate by mail after a few weeks. Hold on to that in case you need to show proof of marriage in the future. Getting your license may not be the most romantic part of planning your wedding, but it is an essential one.

License Application Questions
Most marriage license bureaus have informational recordings to tell you everything you need to know, but make sure you get answers to the following questions before you head to the courthouse:

- Do we need an appointment or can we walk in to the license bureau?
- Exactly what identification do we need? (e.g., Birth certificate, driver's license, Social Security card, other)
- What is the fee and must we pay cash?
- Do we both need to apply in person?
- How long is the license valid?
- Is there a waiting period?
- Is there a residency requirement (if your wedding will be held in a county you don't live in) work to resolve issues?
- Do we need blood tests or other medical certification?