

## The Problems with Amateur Wedding Planners

*“Why should I use your wedding planning services?  
My (friend, co-worker, or family member) plans & directs weddings.”*

Choosing not to utilize the services of an experienced wedding professional can lead to unexpected problems, extra costs, disappointment, & possibly disaster on your wedding day:

- Do you really want a friend or family member to “work” on your wedding day?
- What if something happens that requires unexpected changes?
- What if this person fails to do the work they’ve promised to do?
- What if this person backs out at the last minute?

Every year, we are faced with weddings that are unnecessarily complicated or even ruined because of amateur wedding planners. In a two-month period, we had three (3) different weddings where our DJs were supposed to be following the lead of amateur wedding directors.

- The first bride paid a friend upfront without a contract. She backed out two (2) days before the wedding after admitting that none of final details had been confirmed.
- At the second reception, the wedding director announced that she had no responsibility for the reception, in spite of the bride’s repeated assurances to the DJ prior to the wedding.
- The final situation involved a “friend of the bride” who “forgot” to confirm music for the first dances, among other details.