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## ✓ Quick Reference Guide to Wedding Venue Red Flags

Plan with clarity. Avoid costly surprises.

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### 📞 Communication & Response Time

#### Why it matters

Slow replies now = delayed decisions later.

#### Questions to Ask

- What's your average response time during planning?
- How quickly do you respond to vendor or scheduling issues?

#### Red Flags to Watch

- Takes 3+ days to reply
  - Ignores follow-ups
  - Vague timelines or shifting energy after signing
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### 📄 Contracts & Fine Print

#### Why it matters

Vague terms = hidden fees and liabilities

#### Questions to Ask

- Can you walk me through your cancellation and refund policies?
- Are there clauses that allow price or service changes?

#### Red Flags to Watch

- "Venue reserves right to adjust fees"
  - Legalese without plain-English translation
  - "Client assumes all liability"
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## **Hidden Fees & Pricing**

### **Why it matters**

Surprise charges can inflate your budget by thousands.

### **Questions to Ask**

- Can I see a full line-item breakdown of all costs?
- Are setup, teardown, overtime, or climate control fees extra?

### **Red Flags to Watch**

- Vague terms like “facility adjustment”
  - No written confirmation of included services
  - Verbal-only promises
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## **Maintenance & Availability**

### **Why it matters**

Unfinished work or “surprise” repairs can derail your day.

### **Questions to Ask**

- Is any maintenance scheduled near our event date?
- What’s the backup plan if renovations aren’t complete?

### **Red Flags to Watch**

- “We’re doing minor updates” with no timeline
  - No documentation or before/after photos
  - Last-minute closures
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## **Reviews & Reputation**

### **Why it matters**

Patterns in reviews reveal the truth.

### **Questions to Ask**

- How do you handle negative reviews or feedback?
- Can I speak to a recent client or see candid event photos?

### **Red Flags to Watch**

- Repeated complaints (e.g., broken AC, noise restrictions)
  - Defensive or dismissive replies to reviews
  - Contradictions between website and third-party reviews
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## **Amenities & Accessibility**

### **Why it matters**

Missing essentials = stressed vendors and frustrated guests.

### **Questions to Ask**

- What catering equipment is available on-site?
- What are your vendor access hours and power capabilities?

### **Red Flags to Watch**

- No refrigeration or prep space
  - Limited restrooms or ADA access
  - Strict preferred vendor lists
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## **Bonus Tip: Trust Your Gut**

If something feels off early on, it probably is. The right venue should give you peace of mind — not stress.

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✨ **Use this guide during venue tours, planner meetings, or while reviewing contracts.**

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