

Questions to ask a wedding photographer before signing.

1. What is your policy on negatives?
 - ☞ Most professional photographers keep their own negatives. If this is your photographer's policy, find out how long they will be kept on file and what the costs of reprints will be. You may also be able to arrange to buy the negatives after a set period of time. (Get a price)
2. If you get the negatives (CD's): Are the pictures full resolution or proof pictures?
3. Do the pictures have any copyrighted text or images on them?
4. What rights do we have regarding photos?
 - ☞ Some photographers will reserve the exclusive right to photograph your wedding in their contract. That would bar all family and friends from taking pictures as well as the services of a videographer.
5. Is there a charge for turning color photos too black and white or sepia tone?
6. Are there additional charges for placing specific pages or pictures in the book?
7. When can I expect final delivery?
8. When do I make the deposit? Pay off the balance?
9. Do I get a copy of the contract?
 - ☞ Read your contract carefully before signing. Make sure it has details.
10. How many photos will be taken?
 - ☞ The more images you have to choose from, the better your final album is likely to be.
11. How long have you been photographing weddings?
12. Don't assume that the photographer you're speaking with will be the person who shoots your wedding. (Studios may hire someone to shoot them.)
13. Do you carry back-up equipment?
14. What are the other album options do we have and what price range are they? (Parent albums, Proof albums etc.)

Note: Make sure that you feel comfortable with the person you hire. If you are uncomfortable it will show in your pictures.