



Congratulations! Now for Sound Advice-

Thank You for hiring us! Over our many years of experience, we have observed common problems that might best be avoided to make your dance enjoyable to all. These are only suggestions of typical observations we've made in the past and you may or may not take action on them as you see fit.

It is best to get the dance started as soon as people have eaten.

We've found that the majority of older folks will leave shortly after they have eaten, and since we accommodate them musically in our first 30 minutes, we'd like to keep them for a while. **We also ask that the wedding party not leave the premises before the dance begins.** All too often, we've seen a large percentage of the guests leave when the bride and groom are missing. Another helpful hint concerning dinner- If you are having a party of over 200 people you'll want to have two lines going through the buffet. We've seen buffets where the food was dished up by the caterers and it took 2 hours to feed 300 people- needless to say, it was very drawn out and unnecessary.

Beer is common at receptions and for the most part causes few problems, but continued free hard liquor quite often does cause complications.

The last thing anyone wants is to have someone injured. Over the years, we've noticed that dances with hard liquor available all evening, have had higher occurrences of people getting too intoxicated at the dance. One remedy might be to hand out drink tickets for hard liquor in order to limit the amount consumed.

Another very common problem is that people often dance with their drinks. If the wedding party were asked to **not carry their drinks out to the dance floor** and to help stop others from doing it, everyone will be happier. The management of the reception hall will love you for this, as well as avoiding the possibility of losing your deposit or someone breaking a leg (we've seen it happen, and it sure puts the brakes on a fun evening!).

If a free bar is offered, it still may be best to use tickets or have the guests pay a small, token amount for each drink, the reason- many drinks are ordered and then abandoned when dancing and then another is ordered, thus wasting a lot of money for the person that has to pay the bill!

A portion of our show revolves around the bride and groom.

It helps us make the dance a much bigger success if you are aware that we need you occasionally during the night for some of the fun dances that get everyone involved. We want you to have fun and interact with your guest, but it is difficult for us as entertainers to do some of these fun dances without the bride and groom. We never put the bride and groom in embarrassing situations, so please don't worry about that, but, for example, when we do the Limbo, we like to have the bride and groom hold the limbo stick, and without the newlyweds, it's difficult to do this. If you do not want to be involved in these dances, just call and I will honor your request.

Many of your guests will want to dance one-on-one with the the bride and groom, and the best way to do that is to have a dollar dance, but so many times this becomes a long drawn-out affair. We ask that the best man and maid of honor take the dollars and keep the lines moving as to not take too much time.

Miscellaneous

Balloons are nice but aren't practical as decorations if children are present unless you want to keep the kids occupied by popping them- and give the older folks a coronary in the process!

It's best to ask the manager of the hall how good their ventilation is if you're going to allow **smoking** in the hall and whether the hall's air conditioning system is capable of providing enough cool, clean air if people are smoking.