7 Questions To Ask ALL Your Potential Wedding Professionals:

1) How many weddings do you do per year? How much experience do you have?

This is an extremely important question. Ideally, your wedding professional should have ample experience specifically with weddings. Not only will they be more skilled in their craft, this also makes them a valuable source of information and ensures that your wedding day goes smoothly.

2) How much do you cost?

Price is often relative, especially when you factor in experience, reputation and expert skill. Generally, the most talented professionals have a higher price tag because their skill level, reputation and experience justify their rate.

3) How much is the deposit?

4) What specifically is included in that cost?

Because packages often vary, it's likely that you won't be able to compare one vendor exactly to the next without doing a little figuring. The lowest cost isn't necessarily the best deal; some higher quotes include services that you have to pay extra for in other packages. Make sure you take this into account.

5) What happens if I cancel? What happens if you cancel?

Find out if your deposit is refundable under any conditions. Does the wedding professional have a back up plan if something happens to them?

6) Do you use a contract?

If the answer is *No*, RUN! A contract is designed to protect both you and the wedding professional. Don't settle for a verbal agreement that won't hold up in court.

7) Are there any additional fees?

Taxes, service charges and travel fees can add up quickly. Make sure you understand exactly what is included in the price and if there are any other fees you'll have to pay. This should be clearly defined in your contract.

It's worth taking a little time to assemble the best team for your wedding day, especially for the products and services that are most important to you. If chosen wisely, the right wedding vendors will give you expert help and advice...for FREE!