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# Digital Bliss

Wedding planning has gone mobile. Technology has taken over the process and couples are deeply devoted to their high-tech gadgets – with smartphones as the tried and true tool. According to the highly trusted wedding resource site, [The Knot](#), in 2015 the use of smartphones among brides-to-be for wedding planning activities – like researching and contacting vendors, creating and managing a registry or personal website – was 89 percent. From this day forward, if you want to live happily ever after online, vow to follow these simple tips.



## Digital "I Do" Etiquette



**Get two steps ahead:** With so many wedding day details stored on your mobile device, turn on two-step authentication on accounts where available to add a layer of security. Check out [the Two Steps Ahead campaign](#) to learn more.

**Make better passwords:** A strong password is a sentence that is at least 12 characters long. Focus on positive sentences or phrases that you like to think about and are easy to remember (for example, "I love wedding cake!").

**Unique account, unique password:** Set up unique passwords for all of the accounts you use for wedding planning, such as email, social media and your gift registry, to help thwart cybercriminals.

**Back it up:** Capture and save the precious memories from your bachelorette party photos, wedding day and honeymoon memories to a secure cloud site or an external hard drive where they can be stored safely.

**Update your online photo album:** Be mindful of your guests' privacy while posting pictures and videos of the big day. Delete less flattering photos: in addition to not showing your best side, they take up space.



## Have a Cyber-Safe Honeymoon



**Wait until you get back:** Posting pictures while you are on your honeymoon could alert criminals that you are away from home. Maintain your digital bliss and wait until you return to post your photos.

**Actively manage location services:** Whether your honeymoon takes you to the City of Lights or on an action-packed adventure, location tools come in handy while planning your getaway or navigating a new place. Keep in mind that they can also expose your location through photos. Turn off location services when not in use.

**Get savvy about WiFi hotspots:** Do not transmit personal info or make purchases on unsecure networks. Instead, use a virtual private network (VPN) or your phone's cellular connection as a personal hotspot to surf more securely.

**Protect your \$\$\$:** When celebrating your newlywed status, you may be eager to spend some of your wedding gift cash. Be sure to shop or bank only on secure sites. Web addresses with "https://" or "shttp://" mean the site takes extra security measures. However, an "http://" address is not secure.

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