



COACHING

It's Not You, It's Us

At Safe Spaces we believe humor makes difficult topics easier to talk about.

We know it's not your fault we've been discriminated against. We're sorry we're sensitive, please be patient with us. Many times we've experienced discrimination so often we assume that's what's happening even if it's not. If you get the feeling someone has been offended, please stop, explain, & clear the air. Communication is the key to all relationships!

Fix Your Face

*Our light-hearted way to say:
try not to look surprised no matter who
walks through your door.
That first look is your first impression.*

Curiosity Won't Kill the Bride/Groom

*If you don't know, ask. Just start out with,
"I don't mean to offend, I just want to offer
you the best service possible..."*

Lingo

*Contracts should read "Bride/Groom" or
"Partner 1" & "Partner 2," not just "Bride"
and "Groom." Dressing rooms should be
gender neutral and not referred to as the
"Bridal Suite." Also, refer to "Attendants"
rather than "Bridesmaids" &
"Groomsmen." Soon we'll even have Aunt
Marge saying, "always the attendant,
never the bride/groom."*

Make No Assumptions

*When in doubt, ask for names & spellings.
Revert to third grade: listen for context clues,
couples will refer to each other in their preferred
way. It is also perfectly okay to ask a person's
preferred pronoun.*

Questions?

*We're here for you!
Don't hesitate to reach out with any
questions you may have or if there is
anything else we can do for you!*

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WEDDING SUGGESTIONS

Questions for Venues

*Who will be touring with you?
And what are their roles in the wedding?*

*How many attendants will you have on
both sides?*

*We have two rooms for getting ready,
traditionally they are referred to as the
Bridal Suite and the Groom's Room- where
would you each be most comfortable?*

Questions for Attire Providers

*Who will you bring to your appointment?
And what are their roles in the wedding?*

*What would you like to wear on your
special day?*

*How can we make you most comfortable
during your shopping experience?*

How can we best serve you?

Overall Pointers

*Eliminate Bride and Groom and Bridal Party from your language until you are aware of the
couple's gender identity and/or sexual orientation.*

*Refrain from talking about future husbands and/or wives,
instead use the gender neutral term 'fiance'.*

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