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Prenuptial Agreements: Making an Informed Decision

The flowers will fade. The food will be eaten. The dress will become too small, guaranteed! But, the one long-lasting service that a wedding planner can provide is to insist that brides get a prenuptial agreement before they marry.

Why? Think of it this way. Does it make sense to spend \$30,000 on a wedding and not be protected in the event of a marriage breakup?

Why focus all the bride's time and energy on wedding plans and ignore the fact that the average marriage only lasts seven years? Then what? Without a prenup, the bride stands to lose everything –her home, her children and her financial security.

As the bride this questions – if you knew that you had a 70% chance of failing out of a boat and drowning, would you put on a life jacket? Well, 70% of second marriages end in divorce! Isn't that a pretty good reason to put on a life jacket – in this case a prenuptial agreement!

Preup agreements are much more accessible these days. The celebrities get them to protect themselves and their families. But you do not need to be a celebrity to benefit from a well thought-out prenup. You can customize your agreement to make it fit your own circumstances. You can indulge things that are important to you.

The secret to a prenup agreement is communicating with your future spouse. Talk about your needs and plan your new life together – then get it in writing in a proper, legal prenuptial agreement. You will be glad you did and so you will your loved ones.

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