

to Ensure Your Wedding Morning Runs Smoothly

- FROM A MAKEUP ARTIST'S POV

Start earlier rather than later. Set your alarm early to savour each moment. The last thing you want on your wedding morning to to feel rushed- trust me. Plan a buffer for any unexpected delays. Trust your professional glam team with suggested timelines.

Prep your bridal details for your photographer the night before. Lay out your bridal attire, accessories, and shoes so when your photographr arrives, you don't have to jump up during your makeup session to find and sort it out.

Assign tasks to your bridesmaids or family members to help with last-minute tasks. **BONUS TIP**: delegate these tasks the night before so everyone is prepared and plan these tasks in around their own hair and makeup sessions.

Make sure to run your errands before your glam session. Brush your teeth and go to the ladies room before taking your seat. Write your vowels/speech BEFORE the wedding day- not while getting your makeup done!

Wash your hair the evening before ensuring your hair is completely dry. Any dampness in the hair could cause resistance to heat styling. If your hair is still damp it will need to be blow-dried and, due to time constraints, further styling cannot be guaranteed. Have a freshly washed (double cleanse for best results) and moisturised face before your makeup session.

Ensure your brows have been shaped before the big day, cleaning up all the fine hairs around the eye area. When makeup is applied, product clings to the fine hairs which make them visible, causing the eye makeup to look patchy. Your makeup artist won't have time to clean up your brows for you on the day.

Research inspiration looks ahead of time and have it ready for your hair and makeup artist on the day. Better yet, communicate this to your artist/stylist before the wedding so they can be even more prepared!

Rehearse your walk down the aisle the day before. The chances of having ALL bridal party members available at the same time at some point throughout the wedding morning is very small.

As a bride, consider to not have your makeup and hair done last. The last hour or two before your ceremony is when the storm hits. This is when your photographer/videographer arrive; bridal bouquets get delivered; managing important last minute questions from your event coordinator; etc. To be ready a slight bit ahead of time can alleviate a lot of this overwhelm. Of course, your glam squad will still be doing final touchups with you and your photographer at the end.