



Direct Sparklers 

Planning a **Wedding Exit** with Sparklers

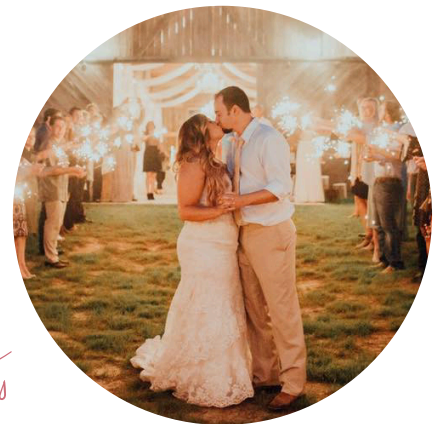
This eBook focuses on everything you need to know about planning the perfect exit for your clients on their special day.

Checking State Laws and Venue Regulations

The first step to planning the perfect sparkler wedding exit is to make sure your clients can do it. Before making plans for a wedding exit, check with the client's venue and state restrictions.

Some venues will not allow sparkler send-offs or fireworks, so confirm with the venue coordinator. If they do allow sparkler send-offs, check on the type of sparklers that are allowed. While 36-inch sparklers offer the longest burn time, some venues do not allow clients to use them because of their length. In that case, 20-inch sparklers with 90 seconds of burn time are also an effective option.

The venue may have its own rules and regulations but, each state also has its own laws regarding the use of sparklers and fireworks. Sparklers are considered a novelty item, so most states allow them to be used. However, there are exceptions.



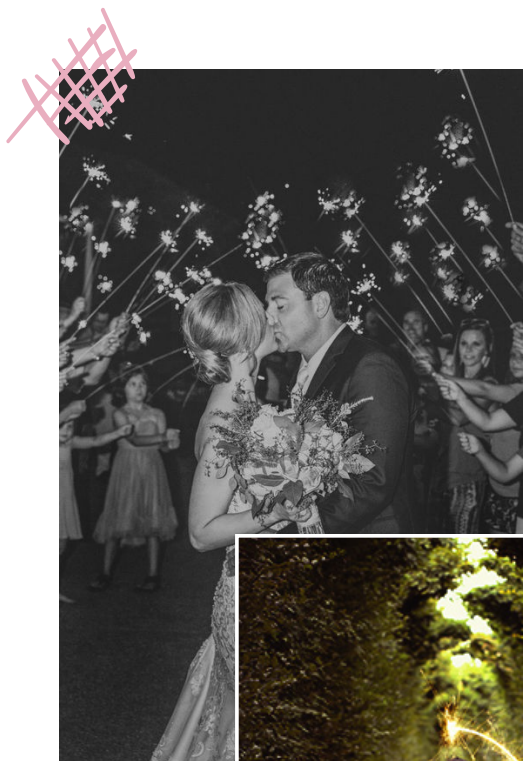
Even if your state permits the use of sparklers, there may still be restrictions on the time of year you can use them. Also, they may only be legal in certain areas in your state. Laws can change, so just make sure you check with your state or local government before using sparklers for a clients' wedding exit.

Choosing the Right Sparklers

Now that you have determined it is legal to have sparklers at your clients' wedding, the next step is to choose the correct sparklers. You might assume that sparklers are all the same, but Direct Sparklers has many different types that all serve different purposes.

The number one thing to remember when purchasing wedding sparklers is that the longer the sparkler, the longer the burn time. Generally, it is safe to purchase 36-inch sparklers, which are the longest wedding sparklers available. They can burn for up to three full minutes.

While colorful sparklers are beautiful, gold is the most common choice for wedding sparklers. As an event planner, you are always thinking about how your clients' pictures will look, and gold offers an elegance that other colors can't match. Different colors may negatively impact the pictures.



Smoke is another factor to consider when thinking about the guest experience and how those pictures will turn out for the newlyweds. Even if your wedding exit is outdoors, you must make sure the sparklers are smokeless. Direct Sparklers does not suggest using sparklers indoors, but check with your venue to see what their rules are.



To ensure your bride and groom are satisfied with the overall experience of their sparkler wedding exit, we recommend using 36-inch, gold sparklers that are smoke-free.



Safety Tips

Although they may seem straightforward, it is essential to consider safety precautions when it comes to any novelty item. This starts by reading and following the label directions. Below is a list of a few safety tips you should abide by when coordinating your clients' exit.

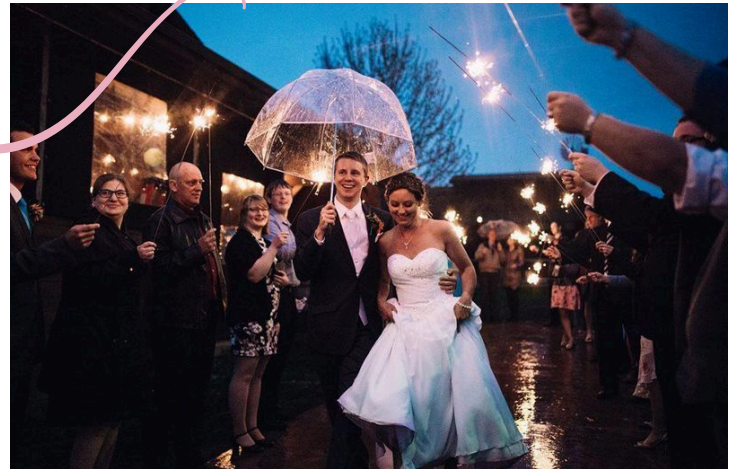
- Have an assigned individual over the age of 18 supervise the use of all sparklers.
- Inform guests that they should never throw or point items at others.
- Do not allow guests or staff to carry items in their pockets.
- Test one sparkler before your event, so you know what to expect.
- Have a plan for how to light the sparklers safely.

Of course, there are many more safety tips to follow, so be sure to thoroughly read the instructions and warning label before use.

Coordinate with the Photographer

Timing and preparation are everything when trying to capture the right photo, especially in wedding photography. As we mentioned before, purchasing long, gold, and smoke-free sparklers will give the photographer more time and shine more ambient light on the group.

Even with the use of longer sparklers, the burning time of a sparkler is still limited. Therefore, the exiting process must be very efficient. Before the sparklers are lit, everything should be set up properly. Make sure that the photographer has all their settings



ready because they'll have a narrow window of about three minutes to take the photos. Guests should be lined up and ready for the couple as well. This should give the newlyweds enough time to exit a few times if they want to get the photos exactly right.

Before the big day, it's a good idea to coordinate with the photographer to make sure everyone is on the same page. Preparation is the key to an effective exit.

Timeline for Exit

The amount of time you have for a successful wedding exit is determined solely by the length of your wedding sparklers. Wedding exits are magical, but if it is rushed, it can turn into a disaster. A typical sparkler that you would likely find at a Fourth of July party is eight inches long and lasts about 20 seconds. This is not nearly enough time to execute a successful exit, even if the wedding is extremely intimate.

The longer the sparkler, the longer the burn time. While a smaller wedding might allow you to use sparklers 20 inches in length that last 90 seconds, a larger wedding of over 100 guests may require you to purchase longer sparklers. Offering three full minutes of burn time, Direct Sparklers' 36-inch sparklers will give the newlyweds plenty of time to enjoy the picture-perfect moment.

Where Should Guests Stand with the Sparklers?

It is not always easy to organize large groups of people, but it's critical in a wedding exit to arrange guests correctly. It is most effective to have one person in charge of getting everyone in position. The best setup for an exit is to form two parallel lines separated by an aisle for the bride and groom to walk through. Usually, the wedding party and family members will be positioned at the beginning of the line.

Be sure that there is space between each guest with a sparkler to avoid any possible burn injuries. Guests should raise their sparklers to create an archway for the couple to walk through. However, the two lines should stand at least eight feet away from each other, so the newlyweds are in no danger of being burned.



Planning How to Light the Sparklers

Whether your bride and groom are having a big wedding with lots of guests or an intimate wedding with a limited number of people, quickly lighting the sparklers could be a challenge. In either case, it is extremely pivotal to have multiple ignition sources. The second you light the first sparkler, the clock is ticking.

The bride and groom should be able to take their time exiting, so it is important to light the sparklers quickly and efficiently.

The most efficient source to light sparklers is a blowtorch. The larger, open flames allow many people to light their sparklers at once. Butane lighters and BBQ lighters are the next best options. Because of the importance of speed and efficiency when lighting the sparklers, the most open flames are better. Because of this, BIC lighters and matches should only be used as a last resort. With how small the flames are, it will take too much time to light all the sparklers.

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While the initial ignition is important, it is just as crucial that guests know to use lit sparklers to light unlit ones. For example, a great strategy would be to light a group of sparklers with an ignition source, then break into small groups, and use the lit sparklers to light the rest. The instant a lit sparkler touches an unlit one, the unlit one will light almost instantaneously. The sparklers have a primed tip, so the guests should light the sparklers as close to the end as possible, if not directly on the primed tip.

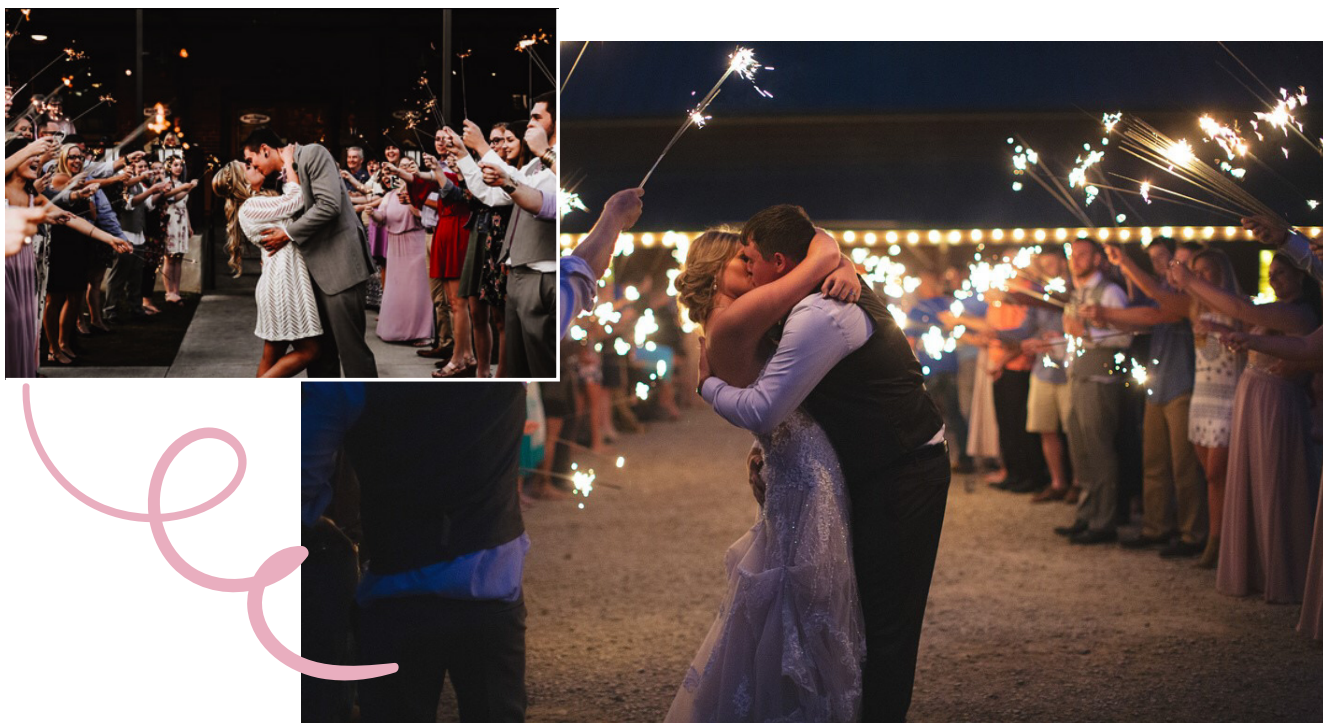
As we have emphasized the importance of preparation, please make sure to have a practice run of a few sparklers before the big exit.

These tips will maximize the sparklers' burn time and allow for more margin for error. At the end of the day, the more prepared your guests are in lighting each other's sparklers, the smoother the exit will go.

Planning the Disposal of Sparklers

Safely disposing of sparklers is a step that is often overlooked. However, the importance of disposing of the sparklers properly cannot be understated. You want to ensure that the venue is left as clean and safe as possible.

You and your clients should place two buckets of either sand or water behind each row where people are lined up so that they are easily able to dispose of the sparklers. Even if the sparklers are no longer lit, they can still be very hot. Having multiple buckets helps the cleanup process and allows the guests and wedding party to easily dispose of the sparklers. While buckets may be an eyesore, do your best to decorate them to match the rest of the venue and coordinate with your photographer to limit the exposure in photos.



There are so many aspects to planning the perfect wedding exit for any bride and groom. By taking a step-by-step approach, you can ensure that nothing goes wrong on their big day. Creating a safe and efficient environment will lead to beautiful memories and a night to remember.



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Checklist for Planners

1. Checking State Laws and Venue Regulations

- Check your state laws to see if sparklers are permitted during that time of year
- Check your state laws that sparklers are permitted in your area
- Make sure your venue allows sparklers (if applicable)

2. Choosing Sparklers

- Determine the number of guests who will be using sparklers
- Determine how long you need the sparklers to burn
- Determine the color of sparklers
- Ensure the sparklers are smokeless
- Order sparklers approximately 3 months before event

3. Before Lighting the Sparklers

- Assign an individual over the age of 18 who will supervise the use of all sparklers
- Test a sparkler before the exit, so you know what to expect
- Inform photographer about the length of time that the sparklers burn
- Make sure photographer has all settings ready
- Place guests in two parallel lines about 8 feet apart
- Direct wedding party and family members to the beginning of the line
- Allow space between each guest to avoid injuries

4. Light the Sparklers

- Have a blowtorch or butane lighter to light sparklers
- Start at the inside and work out to the ends
- Notify guests to use lit sparklers to light unlit sparklers

5. Disposal of Sparklers

- Two buckets of either sand or water behind each row of guests
- Clean up any leftover sparklers