

# Etiquette for Addressing Wedding Invitations

COUPLES	OUTER ENVELOPE	INNER ENVELOPE
<b>Married Couples</b>	Mr & Mrs. Neil Baxter	Mr. and Mrs. Baxter <i>or informally</i> Amanda and Neil
<b>Unmarried couples</b> who don't live together	Miss Mary Baxter <i>the only name on outer envelope should be the person who lives at the address</i>	Miss Baxter Mr. Olson
<b>Unmarried couples</b> who do live together	Miss Mary Wei Mr. Randy O'Grady	Miss Wei Mr. O'Grady
<b>Married Couple</b> - she has hyphenated last name	Mrs. Mary Wei - O'Grady and Mr. Randy O'Grady	Mrs. Wei-O'Grady and Mr. O'Grady
<b>Married Couple</b> She kept maiden name	Mrs. Mary Wei and Mr. Randy O'Grady	Mr. O'Grady and Mrs. Wei
<b>Married Couple</b> She has a professional title, he does not	Doctor Mary Wei and Mr. Randy O'Grady	Doctor Wei and Mr. O'Grady
<b>Married Couple</b> both have professional titles	Doctor Mary Wei and Doctor Randy O'Grady or The Doctors O'Grady	The Doctors O'Grady
<b>Married Couple</b> both are doctors but with different last names	Doctor Mary Wei and Doctor Randy O'Grady	Doctor Wei and Doctor O'Grady
<b>Same sex couples (male)</b> list them in alphabetical order by last name	Mr. Sean Arnold Mr. Les Taylor	Mr. Arnold Mr. Taylor
<b>Same sex couples (female)</b> list them in alphabetical order by last name	Mrs. Bonnie Messner and Mrs. Trina Winter	Mrs. Messner and Mrs Winter
<b>Same sex couples (male)</b> with same last name	The Messrs. Sean and Les Taylor	The Messrs. Taylor
<b>Same sex couples (female)</b> with same last name	The Mesdames Bonnie and Trina Messner	The Mesdames Messner

<b>"and Guest"</b> Address invite to a single friend. He/She doesn't know who he/she is bringing	Ms. Thomasina Wolff	Ms. Wolff and Guest
<b>"and Family"</b> No need to mention children on the outer envelope only on the inner envelope	Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Wirth	Mr. and Mrs. Wirth Brad, Tammy and Sunshine
<b>Adult Brothers</b> at the same address	The Messrs. James and Mark Black	The Messrs. Black
<b>Adult Sisters</b> at the same address	The Misses Susan and Elaine White	The Misses White
<b>Adult Brother and Sister</b> living at the same address	Mr. Wayne Wong & Miss Natalie Wong	Mr. Wong & Miss Wong
<b>Single Woman</b>	Miss Jane Seaton	Miss Seaton
<b>Single Man</b>	Mr. Don Scissons	Mr. Scissons
<b>Divorced or Widowed Woman with children</b>	Mrs. Or MS. Linda Okito	Mrs. Or MS. Okito Ryan and Brayden
<b>Children under age 18</b>	Do not put on outer envelope. Only list the parents	Nicole ( 1 child) Kevin and Hannah (2+ kids) List by age, oldest first
<b>Child age 18+</b> should receive own invitation	Miss Andrea Mah	Miss Mah and Guest
<b>Relatives</b> Outer is formal, Inner is what you call them	Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Wirth	Uncle Chris and Aunt Matilda
<b>Reverend</b>	Reverend and Mrs. Keith Fleming	Reverend and Mrs. Fleming
<b>Priest</b>	Father Patrick Ogilvie	Father Ogilvie
<b>Rabbi</b>	Rabbi and Mrs. David Mahlberg	Rabbi and Mrs. Mahlberg
<b>Elected Officials</b> Governor, Mayor, Judge, etc.	The Honourable and Mrs. Samuel Magill	Judge and Mrs. Magill