

## Online Scams that Target Wedding Planners

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**\*\*Wedding Scams\*\***. We received our first wedding scam attempt on August 9, 2008. We received an email from an "English" bride-to-be (Elizabeth Hyde Johnson) whose fiancé (Michael Green) was offered a job in the U.S. working for Coca-Cola. The bride said she needed help planning a small wedding in Snellville, GA for 50 guests, with a budget of \$25,000.00 US.

We responded to the email, drew up a tentative proposal and quoted cost of service. Then we submitted an invoice for payment.

In the e-mail the bride-to-be continuously repeats herself. The first e-mail said that she is from England and the 3rd e-mail said that her fiancé is working for Coca-Cola in Haiti. We received an mailing address to contact them in Haiti. We received the down payment in the mail but never deposited it, because we felt something was wrong.

We launched an internal investigation only to find out that this was a scam. **"Wedding vendors be very careful"**. We now know that international cashier's checks are not fully validated for 90 days plus. The check may clear at first, but later on bounce later because it was phony. When this happens, the money is deducted from your business and/or personal account. Legal action can be taken because the bank may assume that you are part of the scam. Visit our Blog to read more on this article. "<http://radeventproduction.blogspot.com>"

**Thanks,  
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