

How Should We Stand in the Receiving Line?



Divorced parents do not usually stand in a receiving line together. That honor typically goes to the parent who hosts the reception (and the stepparent, if there is one). When divorced parents are friendly and accept each other's new spouses, or when both sets of parents are hosting the wedding, they may all stand in the receiving line, separated by the groom's parents to avoid any confusion. If the groom's parents are divorced and remarried as well, then the bride's sets of parents should alternate with the groom's, so no one is standing next to his or her ex. Of course, what's most important isn't where everyone stands but how they feel about it. In order to head off misunderstandings, it's best to talk with all parties early on about what your expectations are.