

HIRE CONTRACT

Terms and conditions of hire are as follows:

- 1/ Maximum time the carriage is hired for without prior arrangement in a wedding hire is 4 hours. Time of hire starting at collection point.
- 2/ Maximum mileage is 7 to 8 miles. Horses become tired as the coach is very heavy. After this point we will work with a car if in excess of this distance. It is the responsibility of the hirer to ensure the hire is within the permitted mileage as far as their local knowledge allows.
- 3/ We must be informed of any steep or graded hills so we can evaluate if the carriage can climb it. Downhill is no problem with our modern disc breaking system. Failure to inform us could mean your wedding is cut short at your expense .
- 4/ Any booking details being changed after the original booking may effect the original quote given, as all bookings are evaluated before quoted, so any changes to dates and venues will be re-assessed .
- 5/ No changes to route can be done after the route has been evaluated, usually 7 days prior to hire, especially not on the day (no matter what to photographer may wish). Remember we are 26 ft long without reverse, so we will not travel to a unplanned location for health and safety reasons.
- 6/ A £150 fee will be imposed if hire runs over stated 4 hour maximum hire period. Additional time can be arranged if an extra long photo shoot is requested but may not be available on the day due to other commitments. Sometimes couples will use this as an excuse to finish an over zealous photographer after endless shots.
- 7/ Do not smoke in the carriage.
- 8/ Please be careful with champagne when the carriage is moving as couples have been known to wear more than they drink, so its best to only fill glasses half full or wait until we come to a stop. Any damage or cleaning not as a result of usual hire will require a repair fee.
- 9/ Cancelled hire within 16 weeks of date will require a 50% of hire fee .
DEPOSIT WILL BE FORFIT IN ALL CANCELLATIONS
- 10/ Within 8 weeks of hire full payment is to be made, regardless of cancellation, because we will have no time to rebook this date that has been held on your behalf. Cobs and Carriages will enforce this charge as a result of breach of contract.
- 11/ Returned cheques from the banks will incur an administration fee of £25 added to hire cost. Your deposit will only secure your date up to 8 weeks prior to hire. The balance and final details of hire must be completed by this date. Cobs and Carriages reserve the right to re-offer this date after completion date has passed and the booking has not been finalized.
- 12/ Regretfully we must refuse to operate in dangerous weather conditions: i.e. gale

force winds, snow, or any condition that that may risk the safety of the hire. We will try and supply a suitable car from our extensive range of colleagues in the wedding trade, who are willing to step in should this happen, although this is a very rare occurrence.

13/ Cobs and Carriages reserve the right to alter the turnout in emergencies: i.e. sick horses or urgent repairs needed to carriage. Although we always endeavour to meet your requirements, working with animals has its moments.

14/ We cannot be held responsible for delays due to traffic hold ups en route to the place of hire or during hire, nor for mechanical failure.

15/ We request that you do not allow guests to use fire party poppers, confetti cannons, champagne corks or anything that makes a sudden loud bangs, close to the horses. Although they are very experienced commercial horses, they are still animals and we hold the hirer responsible for the actions of their guests. Most guests do have a good level of common sense and enjoy the chance to get up close to a carriage (many for the first time).

16/ You must inform us within 48 hours of receiving this contract if you have any concerns.

Please read this contract of hire as these terms will become valid when a deposit or payment for hire is made.