

WORST-CASE SCENARIO.

HOW TO SURVIVE IF THE OFFICIANT DOESN'T SHOW UP

- ★ **Call for a substitute.**
Inquire at other rectories and churches for an available officiant.
- ★ **Inquire among guests if there is a judge or person “of the cloth” in the house.**
- ★ **Ordain a friend.**
Select someone who has a flair for drama and is comfortable with public speaking. Visit the Universal Life Church Website (www.ulc.org) or the Spiritual Humanist Website (www.spiritualhumanism.org). Instantly ordain your friend as a minister.
- ★ **Use an impostor.**
Select a wedding guest or passerby who looks the part of your officiant. Have him or her perform the ceremony. After the reception, complete a civil ceremony to make your union official.

Be Aware

Sea captains only have the authority to perform marriages on board a ship at sea.