



What forms of action are available to you when a Wedding DJ lets you down?

The purpose of this guide is for general guidance only.

Q) What forms of action are available if the DJ fails to turn up?

If the DJ does not show up and you have to find another DJ, you can take legal action for the recovery of reasonable costs from the original booked DJ, for example, cost of finding the replacement DJ (phone calls etc) and any extra that you may have to pay.

So, if the original DJ cost £300 and the one you have to book at the last minute due to being let down costs £800, then the original DJ could be facing a payout of the £500 difference!

Q) What if the DJ I book with contacts me to say they can not do the function, but someone else can who then charges me more?

If the DJ you booked with says they can't provide a service, but someone else can, they run the risk that if the new DJ wishes to charge more, therefore, you can sue the original DJ for breach of contract and for the difference. Note, the difference may have to be greater than £50.

Q) If the DJ supplies a sub-contracted DJ, do I have reasonable grounds to sue if the contracted DJ does not turn up?

If the supplier fails to supply the goods/service at the later date, for instance, the subcontracted DJ fails to turn up for the function, then the supplier is in breach of the contract.

The potential for further action is a possibility regardless of whether any deposit (booking fee) is returned by the supplier, however, you have no right to "compensation" for breach of contract, only to be put back in the position you would have been had the breach not occurred. So you can sue the supplier, not the sub-contracted DJ.

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