

Why R.S.V.P.

R.S.V.P. stands for a French phrase, "répondez, s'il vous plaît," which means "please reply."

All Red Hat sisters sending you any invitation would like you to tell her whether you accept or decline the invitation.

That means: Will you be coming to the event or not? It does not mean to respond only if you're coming, and it does not mean to respond only if you're *not* coming!

It means that your RH sister needs a **definite** head count for her planned event, and needs it by the date specified on the invitation.

You should **reply promptly**, perhaps that same day. For RH sisters who are planning that event it is important because they need to know how many RH sisters to count on for several reasons.

More important, though, is the simple courtesy of responding to your RH sister who is taking the time to plan her event and wants it to be a success and not be holding a seat for you or left hanging wondering whether you are coming or not????

Why It's Inconsiderate *Not* to **RSVP?**

An incomplete list of RH sisters can cause numerous problems: including difficulty in planning food: uncertainty over the number of party favors or prizes: and difficulties in planning appropriate seating, arrangements, among other things.

So the next time you see **RSVP** on an email you receive, please email or call your RH sister promptly.

What happens when you **RSVP**?

- You secure your place as a participant
- food is considered or ordered for you
- Your RH sisters reserve you a spot

What happens when you **RSVP** but don't show up?

- Holding an empty chair for you could prevent other RH sisters from attending
- Food and beverages are wasted
- Money spent for prizes or name tags is wasted
- Your RH sister could be embarrassed for promising a full house

What should you do?

- **Be a Responsible *SB* sister and RSVP**
- **Respond promptly to secure your place**
- **Cancel early if you have to change your plans**