

The Wych Elm Host Guide

Dear future Foulplayer!

Thank you for purchasing a Foulplay game! As a host, you are joining a great group of Foulplayers who have taken their game night to the next level. We help geeks throw great parties through immersive murder mystery games. Our games play with history and pop culture to create immersive worlds to transform your game night, all while you strategize and scheme with your friends and family to figure out whodunnit! There are no scripts--you choose what path to take and play to your style to complete your goals! Host your own game online or in-person with all our games! We started the story, the rest is up to you.

Before we solve the legendary true crime, *The Wych Elm*, it's time to go over the ground rules!

1. *This game is intended for adults and teenagers--the plot lines and gameplay are not suitable for younger children.*
2. *This game contains references to mild violence, mild romance, spooky themes, and suggestive themes.*
3. *Foulplay does not require, suggest, or support using real weapons or prop weapons during any of our games.*
4. *Hosts assume all responsibility of running the game and shall not hold Foulplay liable for the safety and security of the host, guests, attendees, or anyone involved in the planning, playing, or hosting *The Wych Elm*.*
5. *You agree not to charge money to anyone to play or watch *The Wych Elm* unless you purchase a commercial license for *Murder at The Wych Elm*. If interested in a commercial license or fundraising, please contact us at foulplaycompany@gmail.com.*
6. *By hosting *The Wych Elm*, you agree to not post our game materials for public use.*
7. *By hosting *The Wych Elm*, you agree to our [Terms and Conditions](#).*
8. *This game and its elements, characters, and storylines are a work of fiction. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, or actual events is purely coincidental.*

WHEW! Now that that's out of the way, welcome to *The Wych Elm*! **This game can be played online or in-person.** Pretty soon you and your friends will be exploring an unsolved true crime, writing your own ghost story, and, spoiler alert, solving a murder! This Host Guide will take you through the entire process of running *The Wych Elm* from sending out invitations and assigning characters, to setting up your online or in-person game.

For any and all questions, please contact us at foulplaycompany@gmail.com and we will be happy to help. Don't forget to tag us on Instagram [@foulplay.co](https://www.instagram.com/foulplay.co) and Twitter [@foulplayco](https://twitter.com/foulplayco) and use the hashtag #foulplaygames and #TheWychElm.

~Maddy and Kristen

5 Steps to Hosting The Wych Elm

Invite your players

Get ready to say goodbye to Hagley Estate!



Send out Character Profiles

Send out the game and player information.



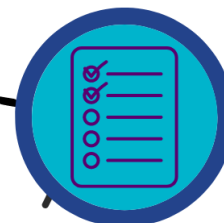
Assign Characters

Pick the roles! Whether playing the town historian or a groundskeeper, there is a fun role for everyone!



Prepare The Wych Elm

Set up your game to play in person or online!



Play The Wych Elm!

Host your game and watch out for foul play!



Step 1: Inviting Your Players

The first step of any good adventure is inviting your party! **The Wych Elm supports 6-10 players**, so make sure your player count fits within that range. We find it's best to invite as close to the maximum number as possible, as sometimes players drop out.

One of the easiest ways to invite your players is to create an RSVP form, either through Google Forms, SurveyMonkey, and other event apps. You can find an example form from us [here](#).

One of your main roles as host is to assign your players their characters for the game. There are a few ways to do this:

1. Assign characters at random using your player's preferred gender pronouns
2. Ask players to send you their top 3 character choices

We recommend you do not have your guests choose their own characters unless you have the max number of players, as people sometimes will not choose characters that are required to be played during the game. As host, you know which characters must be played and can assign accordingly. Don't worry too much about making sure people get their top choice, as all characters have exciting goals and backstories.

Remember to ask your guests for their Name, Email, and either their top 3 character choices or their gender pronouns.

Send your guests the following:

A survey form or email requesting:

- Name
- Email
- Their top 3 character choices
- Phone number (optional)
- The Wych Elm Character List

Step 2: Assigning Characters

Now that your players have RSVP'd, it's time to assign characters!

This is a preview of our host guide. Please email us at foulplaycompany@gmail.com with any questions we can answer!

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