PRE-CALL STAKES

CONFIRMATION & REMINDER MESSAGING

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INTENTIONAL

REPEATABLE

NO-SHOW REALITY

NO-SHOW PREVENTION SYSTEM

VALUABLE

THE NO-SHOW PREVENTION PLAYBOOK

Stop losing booked calls. Fix the messaging and systems that make prospects actually show up.

AUDIT YOUR NO-SHOW REALITY

IF PEOPLE DON'T SHOW UP, IT'S NOT RANDOM. IT'S A PATTERN YOU'RE IGNORING.

NO-SHOW REALITY

HOW TO USE THIS WORKSHEET

Today is about facts, not feelings. Most solopreneurs say things like: "People just flake." "They weren't serious." "It's the market."

That's all bullshit unless you've actually looked at the data. This worksheet makes you quantify your no-show rate, identify patterns, and expose the exact moments where commitment breaks down. You can't fix what you won't measure. Pull up your calendar, CRM, or inbox before you start.

THE WORKSHEET:

1. Look at your last 30 scheduled calls.

Fill this in with real numbers.

Total calls scheduled: _____
Calls attended: _____
No-shows: _____

Now calculate your no-show rate:
(No-shows ÷ Scheduled calls) × 100 = _____ %

If this number is above 20%, you have a system problem.

2. When do no-shows happen most often?

Check the closest match.

- ☐ Same day bookings
- ☐ Next-day bookings
- ☐ 2–3 days out
- ☐ 4–7 days out
- ☐ More than a week out
- ☐ No clear pattern (which means you haven't looked)

This tells you where commitment decays.

3. What type of call gets no-showed the most?

Pick one.

- ☐ Free strategy call
- ☐ Discovery / triage call
- ☐ Sales call
- ☐ Follow-up call
- ☐ Intro call
- ☐ Consultation
- ☐ I don't differentiate my calls (problem)

Weak framing = weak attendance.

4. How did these no-show leads originally come in?

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Paid ads
- ☐ Organic inbound
- ☐ Referral
- ☐ Cold outreach
- ☐ DM conversation
- ☐ Email list

No-show behavior is often tied to acquisition source.

5. How far in advance do people usually book?

Pick the truth.

- ☐ Same day
- ☐ 1 day ahead
- ☐ 2–3 days ahead
- ☐ 4–7 days ahead
- ☐ More than a week
- ☐ It's all over the place

Longer gaps usually mean weaker commitment.

6. What did you do AFTER they booked?

Check everything you actually do, not what you think you do.

- ☐ Sent calendar invite
- ☐ Sent a confirmation email
- ☐ Sent a confirmation text
- ☐ Sent a reminder
- ☐ Sent a prep message
- ☐ Sent nothing and hoped they'd show

Silence after booking kills attendance.

7. How many touches do they get before the call?

Pick one.

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4+

Less than 2 is almost guaranteed to produce no-shows.

8. What story do you tell yourself when someone no-shows?

Fill this in honestly.

"When someone no-shows, I assume they _____."

Examples:
- weren't serious
- forgot
- got busy
- never intended to show
- were just browsing

This belief shapes your behavior more than you realize.

9. Look at your last 5 no-shows.

Write what actually happened.

Lead Initials	Call Type	Days Between Booking & Call	What You Sent Before the Call
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Patterns will jump off the page if you're honest.

10. Based on this audit, what's the REAL issue?

Finish this sentence.

"My no-show problem exists because I _____."

Examples:
- don't reinforce commitment
- don't frame the call as valuable
- don't remind them properly
- don't create urgency
- don't qualify well
- treat calls as optional

This is the root we'll fix tomorrow.

Why This Matters:

No-shows aren't disrespect. They're a lack of commitment. And lack of commitment is created by weak framing, poor follow-up, and unclear expectations. Today you stopped guessing and finally saw the truth of your calendar behavior. Once you see the pattern, you can fix it fast. Tomorrow we'll break down the **exact mistakes you make before the call that cause people to disappear.**

If you want help fixing no-shows at the system level so your calendar actually converts:

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IDENTIFY THE PRE-CALL MISTAKES THAT CAUSE NO-SHOWS

PEOPLE DON'T SKIP CALLS THEY BELIEVE MATTER.

PRE-CALL MISTAKES

HOW TO USE THIS WORKSHEET

Yesterday you measured the damage.
Today you find the cause.
No-shows don't happen on the calendar.
They happen in the moments leading up to the booking and immediately after.

This worksheet forces you to identify the exact behaviors, messages, and gaps that signal to the prospect that your call is optional.
You're not fixing reminders yet.
You're fixing perceived value and commitment.

THE WORKSHEET:

1. How do you describe the call when you invite someone to book?

Pick the closest match.

- ☐ Free call
- ☐ Quick chat
- ☐ Strategy session
- ☐ Discovery call
- ☐ Consultation
- ☐ Intro call
- ☐ Sales call
- ☐ "Just a call"

If it sounds disposable, it gets treated that way.

2. What promise do you attach to the call?

Be honest.

- ☐ A clear outcome
- ☐ A vague benefit
- ☐ "Let's see if it's a fit"
- ☐ "Pick my brain"
- ☐ "No promise at all"

Calls without outcomes get skipped.

3. Do you set expectations before booking?

Check what you actually do.

- ☐ Explain who the call is for
- ☐ Explain who it's not for
- ☐ Explain what will happen on the call
- ☐ Explain how long it will take
- ☐ Explain what prep is required
- ☐ Explain what happens after
- ☐ I don't explain any of this

Lack of expectations = low commitment.

4. When do you send the booking link?

Pick the real answer.

- ☐ Immediately, no context
- ☐ After a short explanation
- ☐ After qualifying questions
- ☐ After confirming timing and urgency
- ☐ I drop it casually and hope

The earlier and looser the link, the lower the show rate.

5. What feeling does your booking process create?

Choose the uncomfortable truth.

- ☐ Optional
- ☐ Casual
- ☐ Low-stakes
- ☐ Curious
- ☐ Serious
- ☐ Focused
- ☐ Intentional

People show up for serious.

6. What do you assume once someone books?

Pick the belief that's actually true for you.

- ☐ "They're committed now"
- ☐ "They'll remember"
- ☐ "They'll show up"
- ☐ "I don't need to do anything else"
- ☐ "I should probably remind them, but I don't"

This assumption is killing your calendar.

7. How much authority do you establish before the call?

Pick one.

- ☐ None
- ☐ Very little
- ☐ Some, but inconsistent
- ☐ Clear authority and positioning
- ☐ Strong authority and leadership

People don't ghost authority figures.

8. What's missing from your current pre-call process?

Check the one that hurts most.

- ☐ Clear value framing
- ☐ Authority positioning
- ☐ Expectation setting
- ☐ Qualification
- ☐ Reminder cadence
- ☐ Prep requirement
- ☐ Urgency
- ☐ Respect for your own time

This tells us where to fix first.

9. Look at the last no-show and answer this honestly.

Finish the sentence.

"They didn't show up because the call felt
_____."

Examples:
- optional
- low priority
- replaceable
- unclear
- non-essential
- easy to skip

This is the perception you created.

10. Rewrite how you SHOULD frame the call.

Fill this in.

"This call exists to help you
_____.
By the end of the call, you will
_____."

Example:
"This call exists to help you identify what's actually blocking consistent leads. By the end of the call, you'll know exactly what needs fixing next."

Write yours:
_____

Why This Matters:

No-show prevention starts long before reminders and confirmations. It starts with framing, authority, and expectation. If the prospect doesn't understand why the call matters, they won't protect the time. Tomorrow we'll rewrite the exact confirmation and reminder messages that lock commitment in.

If you want help rebuilding your booking and pre-call system so people actually show up:

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FIX YOUR CONFIRMATION & REMINDER MESSAGING

IF YOUR REMINDERS SOUND OPTIONAL, YOUR CALL IS OPTIONAL.

CONFIRMATION & REMINDER MESSAGING

HOW TO USE THIS WORKSHEET

Most people think no-shows are a reminder problem. They're not. They're a **commitment problem disguised as a reminder problem**.

Today you'll audit and rebuild the exact messages that go out after someone books:
- the confirmation message
- the reminder message
- the day-of message

The goal is simple:
Make the call feel intentional, valuable, and not skippable. Short messages. Clear framing. Zero fluff.

THE WORKSHEET:

1. Write the EXACT confirmation message you send right now

Copy it word for word. No edits.

Confirmation message:
_____

Now answer honestly:
Does this message explain why the call matters?
☐ Yes   ☐ No
Does it reinforce commitment?
☐ Yes   ☐ No
Does it feel optional?
☐ Yes   ☐ No

If you answered "Yes" to optional, that's the problem.

2. Write the EXACT reminder message you send

If you don't send one, write "NONE."

Reminder message:
_____

Does this message do anything besides say "Reminder"?
☐ Yes   ☐ No

Reminder-only reminders don't work.

3. What does your messaging accidentally communicate?

Pick the one that hurts.

☐ "This call is casual"
☐ "This is free, so it's not that important"
☐ "This is exploratory, not decisive"
☐ "This is flexible"
☐ "This can be skipped if something comes up"

That's the signal you're sending right now.

4. Define the ONE commitment signal you want to send

Pick one:

☐ Respect for time
☐ Clear value
☐ Clear outcome
☐ Authority
☐ Urgency
☐ Preparation required

This becomes the backbone of your messages.

5. Rewrite your confirmation message using this structure

Structure:
1. Reinforce value
2. Set expectation
3. Confirm commitment

Template:
"You're booked for [CALL TYPE] on [DATE/TIME].
This call is designed to help you _____.
Please make sure you're in a quiet place and ready to focus."

Now write yours:
_____

Keep it tight. No fluff.

6. Rewrite your reminder message to reinforce commitment

Template:
"Quick reminder about our call tomorrow.
We'll be focused on _____.
If something changed and you can't make it, let me know."

Write yours:
_____

Notice: this assumes seriousness, not flakiness.

7. Create a SAME-DAY commitment message

This is sent the morning of the call.

Template:
"Looking forward to our call today.
Come ready to talk about _____.
See you at [TIME]."

Write yours:
_____

This locks it in psychologically.

8. Do you require ANY preparation from the prospect?

Check one.

☐ Yes, and I communicate it
☐ Yes, but I don't communicate it
☐ No prep required
☐ I've never thought about this

Preparation increases attendance. Period.

9. Add ONE light prep requirement

Fill this in:
"Before the call, please take a minute to think about _____."

Examples:
- your biggest bottleneck
- what you've already tried
- what success would look like

Write yours:
_____

This increases buy-in.

10. Finish this sentence

This is your reframe.

"My calls get no-showed because my messages make them feel _____."

Examples:
- optional
- casual
- replaceable
- low-stakes

Tomorrow, we remove that completely.

Why This Matters:

People don't skip calls they've mentally committed to. Your confirmation and reminder messages either reinforce commitment or silently kill it. Today you turned reminders into **reinforcement**. Tomorrow you install the full no-show prevention system so this stops being a recurring problem.

If you want help installing a no-show prevention system that protects your calendar and your time:

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INSTALL YOUR NO-SHOW PREVENTION SYSTEM

NO-SHOWS DISAPPEAR WHEN COMMITMENT IS ENGINEERED, NOT HOPED FOR.

NO-SHOW PREVENTION SYSTEM

HOW TO USE THIS WORKSHEET

At this point, you know the truth: No-shows aren't bad luck. They're not disrespect. They're not the market. They're the predictable outcome of weak framing, loose expectations, and inconsistent pre-call follow-up.

Today you're installing a **simple, repeatable no-show prevention system** you can run every week without thinking.
This is not about more reminders.
This is about **manufacturing commitment**.

THE WORKSHEET:

1. Define your call's non-negotiable purpose

Every call must stand for ONE thing. Fill this in:

"This call exists to _____."

Examples:
- identify the real bottleneck
- decide the next step
- build a clear plan
- determine fit

Your purpose:
_____

If this isn't clear, nothing else works.

2. Choose your call positioning

How will this call be framed going forward?

- ☐ High-value working session
- ☐ Decision-making call
- ☐ Diagnostic call
- ☐ Strategy session
- ☐ Qualification call

Your choice:
_____

Your language determines seriousness.

3. Define your commitment rules

Pick what will be true for every call.
- Calls are rescheduled, not skipped
- Late arrivals shorten the call
- No-shows require re-qualification
- Prep is required
- Confirmations are mandatory

Circle the rules you will enforce. Soft rules get ignored.

4. Map your pre-call cadence

This is the **minimum viable system**.

After booking:
What is sent immediately?

24 hours before call:
What is sent?

Day of call:
What is sent?

If any of these are blank, you have a gap.

5. Choose your delivery channels

Where will these messages go?

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Text
- ☐ Both

Your choice:
_____

Consistency beats cleverness.

6. Create your "missed call protocol"

This is where most founders panic or avoid. Fill this in:

"If someone no-shows, I will _____."

Options you might choose:
- ☐ send a follow-up message immediately
- ☐ require re-qualification
- ☐ close the loop confidently
- ☐ reschedule once, not twice

Your protocol:
_____

No emotion. Just process.

7. Write your no-show follow-up message

This message protects your authority. Template:

"Hey — looks like we missed our call. If you still want help with _____, let me know and we'll reset expectations. If not, no worries — just wanted to close the loop."

Write yours:
_____

This message gets replies because it removes pressure.

8. Define your attendance success metric

Pick ONE number to track weekly.

- ☐ Show rate percentage
- ☐ No-show count
- ☐ Calls attended
- ☐ Qualified calls only

Your metric:
_____

What gets tracked gets fixed.

9. Set your new minimum standard

Fill this in:

"If my show rate drops below _____ %, I will immediately review my framing and pre-call process."

Your number: _____ %

This prevents silent decay.

10. Lock the system with a commitment

Complete this sentence and mean it.

"I no longer tolerate no-shows as normal. I treat them as a system failure, and I fix the system instead of blaming the lead."

Signed:
_____

Date:
_____

Why This Matters:

A full calendar means nothing if people don't show up. When you engineer commitment through framing, expectation, cadence, and authority, attendance becomes predictable. Predictable attendance leads to better conversations. Better conversations lead to better closes. You don't need better leads. You need better systems. This worksheet installs that system.

If you want help implementing this no-show prevention system inside your CRM, calendar, and follow-up flows:

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No-shows aren't random —they're predictable.

And once you know why they happen, you can prevent them. Inside this playbook, you'll:

- Audit your no-show reality to see where calls fall apart
- Identify the pre-call mistakes that kill attendance
- Fix your confirmation and reminder messaging so prospects stay committed
- Install a no-show prevention system that runs automatically

Stop wasting calendar slots. Open the workbook and build a system that gets people to show up.

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