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Build a lawful minor-task offer

Start with a narrow maintenance menu you can legally and competently deliver. This four-page guide organizes the business decisions; it contains no hazardous repair procedures.

01 Ask state and local authorities about the precise task, full project value including materials, permits, advertising and customer-contract requirements. There is no nationwide handyman exemption.

02 Treat electrical, gas, plumbing, structural, roof, hazardous materials and other regulated or hazardous requests as qualified-professional referrals in this launch model.

03 Choose one buyer and a small visit format. Confirm building age, materials, access, parts and product requirements before quoting. Photographs cannot clear hidden hazards.

04 Use the approved-menu and readiness pages that follow. Unresolved legal, safety, competence or insurance questions mean pause the affected scope.

YOUR WORKING RECORD

Buyer / locality / first approved task

Authority / exact question / date

Insurance and capability evidence

Offer / revise / refer decision

Verify local licensing, permits, insurance and competence for the exact task. Refer electrical, gas, plumbing, structural, roof, lead/asbestos/mold and other regulated or hazardous work to qualified licensed professionals.

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Approved service menu

Only put a service here after every gate passes. Describe the narrow task and permitted conditions rather than a broad trade label.

01 Example: one named furniture model assembled from complete, undamaged customer parts in a suitable room; required anchoring is a separate unresolved scope until verified.

YOUR WORKING RECORD

Service name / precise included action

Approved jurisdiction / evidence

Building and surface conditions supported

Tools / demonstrated competence

Insurance confirmation

Exclusions / stop triggers

Last reviewed / next review date

Do not offer furniture assembly as complete if required anti-tip provisions have not been safely resolved according to the product requirements.

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Job readiness checklist

Complete before leaving for the visit. One unresolved critical condition may require a reschedule, scope revision or referral.

01 Compare the brief with the packing list. Call about missing parts before dispatch; avoid making a knowingly unready visit.

YOUR WORKING RECORD

Current approved scope / customer authority

Local permission / insurance / capability

Parts, compatibility and manufacturer information

Building age / material / access screen

Task equipment in suitable condition

Arrival, parking and lawful access confirmed

Payment and change process ready

Stop triggers and contacts visible

Do not use this checklist as a technical safety certification.

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Find your first suitable customer

Make it easy to send a defined task list. Begin with relevant people rather than promoting every possible repair.

01 Choose five warm contacts and five nearby prospects or referral routes. Write why the approved offer fits each one.

02 Draft: Hi [name], [Business] offers scheduled minor-maintenance visits in [area] for [approved examples]. Send your list and photos so I can check scope and give a written quote. Regulated trades and hazardous requests go to qualified professionals. No pressure; I also welcome feedback on what makes these visits difficult to arrange.

03 Record next actions and deadlines. Confirm authority, scope, access, pricing and reviewed terms before a booking.

04 After a completed visit, record total time and direct costs, provide a factual closeout and ask for honest feedback. Do not label a demonstration as a paid customer job.

YOUR WORKING RECORD

Prospect / relevant task / contact route

Outreach date / reply

Scope status / quote next step

Outcome / improvement

Customer numbers and launch timing are not guaranteed. Contract templates require local legal review.