

HIDDEN BUSINESS DRAG CHECKLIST

Is Your Business Carrying More Weight Than It Needs To?



Your business may not be broken. It may not be failing. It may not even look disorganized from the outside. But if every stage of growth feels heavier than expected, there may be hidden drag inside the way work gets done.

Use this checklist to identify where routine work may be consuming more time, attention, and energy than necessary.

1. OWNER DEPENDENCE

- ☐ Team members regularly come to you for decisions they should be able to make.
- ☐ You are still the person who remembers important customer, vendor, or project details.

- ☐ Work slows down when you are unavailable.
- ☐ You answer the same questions repeatedly.
- ☐ You feel responsible for catching dropped balls before customers notice.

2. FOLLOW-UP AND COMMUNICATION

- ☐ Lead or customer follow-up depends on someone remembering to do it.
- ☐ Important communication happens in too many places.
- ☐ There is no clear owner for each follow-up step.
- ☐ Updates are inconsistent across customers, departments, or locations.
- ☐ You sometimes discover too late that something was not sent, scheduled, or confirmed.

3. PROCESS CLARITY

- ☐ Different people perform the same task in different ways.
- ☐ Handoffs are unclear or require explanation every time.
- ☐ The next step in a process is not always obvious.
- ☐ Important exceptions are undocumented and understood by only one or two people.
- ☐ Work frequently needs to be corrected, clarified, or redone.

4. TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION DRAG

- ☐ Important information lives in multiple systems, inboxes, spreadsheets, or people's heads.
- ☐ The same information must be entered or copied more than once.
- ☐ Your CRM, forms, email, calendar, accounting, website, or project tools do not work together well.
- ☐ You are paying for software the team does not fully use.
- ☐ People maintain manual workarounds because the current systems do not support the real workflow.

5. GROWTH AND PROFITABILITY PRESSURE

- ☐ More customers create more stress instead of more stability.
- ☐ Hiring someone new would require extensive explanation from experienced people.
- ☐ You worry quality will decline if the business grows faster.
- ☐ You are not sure what would break if a key person stepped away for two weeks.
- ☐ The business is profitable, but operations still feel too dependent on heroic effort.

WHAT YOUR ANSWERS MAY MEAN

The more boxes you check, the more likely your business is relying on extra effort, memory, manual workarounds, or unclear handoffs. You do not need to fix everything at once. Choose one area with the greatest impact and investigate it first.

CHOOSE ONE AREA TO INVESTIGATE

Where does work feel heavier than it should?

Who is most affected?

What workaround has become normal?

What would improve if this friction were removed?

What is the smallest useful next step?

GET READY. GROW!

Schedule a complimentary Business Engineering Strategy Session and discover where hidden friction may be slowing your growth.

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