

Contact Import Checklist

Prepare, tag, and verify every import.

Related week: Week 6 | Related SOP: Prepare a clean CSV | Estimated use time: 25-40 min

Use this worksheet before building inside the CRM. Plan the path first, then build only what the plan supports.

Purpose

Use this checklist to clean, tag, map, and verify a contact CSV before uploading it into the CRM. Importing is a bulk action, so every mistake multiplies across the list.

When to Use This Template

- ☐ Before importing contacts from a spreadsheet
- ☐ Before moving contacts from an old CRM
- ☐ Before importing event, customer, or referral lists
- ☐ Before applying nurture to an imported batch
- ☐ When you need a rollback path after import

Pre-Import File Review

- ☐ Save original backup copy
- ☐ Create cleaned working copy
- ☐ Document list source
- ☐ Review consent/source status
- ☐ Remove empty rows and test rows
- ☐ Remove rows that should not be imported

CSV Cleanup Table

Column	Current issue	Cleanup needed	CRM field destination	Import or skip

Required Tracking

Tracking item	Decision
List source	
Import batch tag/value	
Consent/source status	
Owner of import	
Date prepared	
Workflow risk reviewed by	

Workflow Risk Check

- ☐ Contact-created workflows reviewed
- ☐ Tag-added workflows reviewed
- ☐ Field-updated workflows reviewed
- ☐ Pipeline-stage workflows reviewed
- ☐ No nurture starts automatically unless intended
- ☐ SMS does not send to imported contacts without readiness review

Post-Import Verification

- ☐ Saved view or smart list created for the import batch
- ☐ Sample contacts opened and checked
- ☐ Name, email, phone, tags, fields, and source look correct
- ☐ No unintended workflows fired
- ☐ No duplicate opportunities were created
- ☐ Import note is documented

Related Training and SOPs

Related training: Week 6 - Contact Importing and Data Hygiene

Related SOPs: Prepare a clean CSV; Tag naming convention; Plan custom fields; Build a safe first workflow; Quarterly CRM audit