# GPT-5 Codex Small Business Checklist

## Step 1: Audit one pain point

• Pick one repetitive task (ex: booking confirmations, invoicing).
• Ask: could AI-assisted coding automate this?

## Step 2: Ask for AI-assisted quotes

• When hiring devs, request two quotes:
• • AI-assisted work vs. human-only work.
• • Compare savings in hours + cost.

## Step 3: Secure your data

• Confirm customer data is handled safely.
• Require contracts/NDA with any vendor using AI.
• Avoid exposing sensitive data to third-party tools.

## Step 4: Start small pilot projects

• Try low-risk tasks first (UI tweaks, dashboards).
• Evaluate quality, speed, and cost before scaling.

## Step 5: Keep a human in the loop

• Always test AI-produced code before customer use.
• Developers should focus on integration, security, QA.