THE ULTIMATE CHECKLIST:

Position your website for discoverability in the age of voice search with these key checkpoints:



#### **☐ IS YOUR WEBSITE CONTENT STRUCTURED?**

Content structure matters. Use Google's Structured Data Testing Tool to see how yours stacks up:

https://search.google.com/structured-data/testing-tool

### DOES YOUR WEBSITE LOAD QUICKLY ON SMARTPHONES?

53% of of mobile users abandon sites that take longer than 3 seconds to load. Check your website's mobile page speed:

https://testmysite.withgoogle.com/

#### ARE YOU FOLLOWING HICK'S LAW?

The time it takes to make a decision is directly related to the number of choices available. Boost your web conversions by limiting the number of choices presented. Learn more:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hick%27s\_law

# HOW DOES YOUR WEBSITE RANK IN SEARCH RESULTS?

Identify the most important search keywords to your business, and see how your business ranks in local search, voice search, and more:

https://search.google.com/search-console/about

# DOES YOUR LAYOUT GUIDE USERS TO KEY CONVERSION CONTENT?

There's a strong relationship between the layout and the engagement of users on websites. Here are some layouts to consider:

https://extendthemes.com/website-layout-design-ideas/

### HAVE YOU ACCOUNTED FOR FUTURE CHANGES?

A solution may seem like a good idea now, but may require more work to stay at edge. Invest in website technology that is robust and flexible to suit your needs over time.

#### DOES YOUR WEBSITE MEET W3C STANDARDS?

Although validation is not mandatory on the web, it is useful for improving the quality of pages. Check to see how your site holds up using this free testing tool:

https://validator.w3.org/

### DOES YOUR WEBSITE RESPECT THE THE LATEST REGULATIONS?

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) had a lot of implications for businesses worldwide, and similar regulations are being implemented. Learn more about what is required:

https://ec.europa.eu/justice/smedataprotect/index\_en.

# IS YOUR WEBSITE ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYONE?

Make sure visitors with disabilities can access your content. Check your website for accessibility:

https://wave.webaim.org/

# ARE YOU DESIGNING FOR USER'S PREFERENCES?

Apply principles of Jakob's Law of UX and simplify the learning process for users by providing familiar design patterns. Learn more about this and other laws of UX:

https://lawsofux.com/jakobs-law