Weekend Risk Checklist for Algorithmic Traders

Protect your trading capital from opening market gaps before Friday trading closes.

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01 Why Weekend Pauses Require Action

- Market execution halts completely over the weekend while world events continue without pause.
- Reopening prices can skip past stop levels entirely, causing slippage that widens unexpected losses.

02 How to Apply This Checklist

- Review open exposure every Friday afternoon before liquidity thins near the weekly market close.
- Tick through each protective step methodically to prevent emotional decisions when markets reopen.

Checklist

- [ ] Check your terminal for any active open positions two hours before Friday close.
- [ ] Close open market orders manually if your trading plan requires a completely flat weekend.
- [ ] Reduce position volume on remaining trades if your strategy allows holding across sessions.
- [ ] Disable the automated execution button on your terminal before the weekend trading halt.
- [ ] Confirm that scheduled calendar news events for Sunday evening will not catch you unprepared.
- [ ] Verify platform connectivity thirty minutes before the market reopens on Sunday evening.

Your next step

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