Margin Risk Checklist

A clear procedure to shield your automated setup against fast gaps and broker margin calls.

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01 Understanding liquidation risks

- Brokers liquidate open trades immediately when required balance falls short. Liquidations hit the book without price mercy.
- Gaps jump past stops during sudden illiquidity. Your software needs wide buffers to absorb these rapid shifts.
- Automated tools follow programmed rules faithfully, but they require proper risk parameters to survive volatile market stretches.

02 Setting up account buffers

- Run software strictly on capital you can afford to risk, using a comfortable equity buffer above baseline requirements.
- Verify your broker margin thresholds well before live deployment so you know exactly when automatic closures trigger.
- Keep trade sizing modest. Smaller volume allows open positions to withstand abrupt market swings without threatening account health.

Checklist

- [ ] Check your broker margin closeout percentage and calculate your exact dollar buffer.
- [ ] Verify your MetaTrader 5 account balance meets or exceeds the $1,000 live minimum.
- [ ] Set position volume small enough to absorb price gaps without margin stress.
- [ ] Review platform connection stability to maintain continuous trade supervision.
- [ ] Confirm software automated risk controls and stops are active before sessions open.
- [ ] Pause automated execution manually ahead of known high impact calendar events.

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