Holiday Risk Checklist

How to protect your account balance when trading sessions thin out during major holidays.

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01 Recognize Thin Market Conditions

- Major holidays clear out trading desks and bank participation worldwide.
- Thin order books create erratic price moves and wide broker spreads.
- Slippage increases during these quiet sessions because resting liquidity drops away quickly.

02 Adjust Execution Parameters

- Lower your trading volume well ahead of early market closures.
- Rely on strict price limits rather than standard market orders.
- Verify your broker trading schedule so unexpected early closes do not trap open trades.

03 Use Your Pause Switch

- Stepping aside into cash is a valid defensive choice during irregular sessions.
- Keep total authority over your software settings on your own broker account.
- Resume normal operations only after regular bank trading volume returns.

Checklist

- [ ] Check your broker holiday schedule for early market closing times
- [ ] Reduce trade order sizing before the holiday session begins
- [ ] Switch order execution preferences to limit orders to prevent slippage
- [ ] Audit all current open positions before trading desks clear out
- [ ] Toggle automated execution off during half day trading windows
- [ ] Confirm normal global banking hours have fully resumed before restarting

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