

# Restoration Emergency Authorization Script

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Restoration owners, intake coordinators, mitigation managers, and call teams

## GUIDE

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## WHAT THIS ASSET COVERS

- A first-call script for water, mold, and damage mitigation situations
- Language for urgency framing, authorization explanation, and arrival expectation setting
- A short note structure for insurance and internal handoff

## USE THIS WHEN

1. Homeowners hesitate to authorize mitigation work quickly
2. First-call language feels inconsistent across coordinators
3. Insurance and next-step communication needs a clearer handoff

## WORKING ASSET

## RESTORATION EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION SCRIPT

This script is for first-notice-of-loss calls where speed, clarity, and next-step ownership matter. Use it to explain urgent mitigation without sounding vague or aggressive.

## OPENING

Thank you for calling {{company}}. I'm going to help get the situation organized quickly. First, tell me what happened and whether the damage is still active right now.

## URGENCY FRAMING

If water or active damage is still present, the priority is reducing further loss and getting the right team moving safely. I'm going to ask a few quick questions so we can guide the next step properly.

## CORE QUESTIONS

1. Is the source of the damage stopped or still active?
2. What rooms or areas are affected?
3. Is this residential or commercial?
4. Has insurance been contacted yet?
5. Is anyone on-site right now who can receive instructions or meet the team?

## AUTHORIZATION LANGUAGE

Based on what you've described, the immediate goal is mitigation and loss control. Our team can explain the first response scope and what happens next when they arrive. I'll note your authorization status clearly so the crew knows exactly where things stand.

## IF THE CALLER HESITATES

I understand. The reason we move quickly in this situation is to reduce additional damage and confusion. I'll make sure the team notes exactly what has and has not been authorized before arrival.

## HANDOFF NOTE TEMPLATE

- source active or stopped
- affected areas
- insurance contacted yes/no
- on-site contact
- authorization status
- urgency level

## SUGGESTED ROLLOUT

1. Add the five core questions to your intake form.
2. Train the first-call team to read the urgency framing verbatim.
3. Audit whether crews are receiving complete authorization notes before dispatch.

## OWNER CHECKLIST

Use this checklist before the document gets handed to staff. The goal is to turn The Quiet Protocol into a live operating habit, not a file that sits in a folder.

- Name the single person who owns the workflow this asset touches.
- Pull one week of real evidence before changing anything: missed calls, form timestamps, chat transcripts, text threads, booking records, CRM notes, review requests, and staff handoff messages.
- Mark every request where the customer waited too long, repeated information, received a vague next step, or dropped before booking.
- Decide whether the issue is caused by unclear language, weak ownership, missing automation, poor routing, low trust, or a broken follow-up rhythm.
- Choose one workflow to fix first. Do not try to change phone, chat, forms, CRM, reviews, and reactivation all in the same week.
- Write the current rule in plain language. If the team cannot say the rule clearly, the customer will feel that confusion.
- Decide what good looks like. Use a response-time target, a handoff target, a booking target, or a review-request target.
- Review this asset every Friday until the workflow is stable for four straight weeks.

## STAFF MEETING AGENDA

Use this agenda in a 25-minute meeting with the people who answer, route, book, follow up, or manage the customer relationship.

1. Open with the customer moment this asset is meant to improve.
2. Read one recent customer example out loud without blaming anyone on the team.
3. Ask where the current process made the customer's next step slower, less clear, or less trustworthy.
4. Review the checklist and remove any item that does not affect the customer journey.
5. Assign one owner for first response, one owner for booking or follow-up, and one owner for proof capture.
6. Decide which channel gets fixed first: phone, website form, chat, text, social message, CRM task, or review request.
7. Choose one script from this document and use it live for the next seven days.
8. Schedule the next review before the meeting ends.

## COPY/PASTE SCRIPTS

Use these scripts as starting points. Replace the wording with the business name, service categories, market, office hours, and escalation rules.

Fast acknowledgement: Thanks for reaching out. I have your request and I am getting the right next step in motion now. I will confirm the details before anything is booked or assigned.

Missing information: I can help with that. To route this correctly, I need the service address or location, the best callback number, what is happening, and how urgent this feels today.

Qualified but not ready: That makes sense. I do not want this to get lost. I will save the details here and follow up at the time that makes the most sense for you.

Follow-up after silence: Just checking back so this does not sit unfinished. Do you still want help with this, or should we close the request for now?

Review request after successful work: Thank you for trusting us with the work. If the experience was smooth, a short Google review helps the next customer feel more confident choosing us.

Internal handoff: New request captured. Customer need, urgency, location, source, and next action are listed below. Please confirm ownership before the opportunity cools off.

## INTAKE WORKSHEET

| Field | What to Capture | Why It Matters |

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| Customer name | Full name and preferred contact method | Prevents duplicate records and weak callbacks |

| Source | Phone, website, chat, referral, Google, social, repeat customer | Shows which demand channels need better routing |

| Urgency | Emergency, soon, flexible, research only | Controls response priority and staff escalation |

| Service need | Plain-language description from the customer | Helps staff avoid forcing the buyer into internal categories too early |

| Location | Address, city, service area, or remote context | Confirms fit before the team spends time on the wrong lead |

| Next step | Book, quote, call back, send info, waitlist, close | Prevents warm demand from sitting without ownership |

| Owner | Person responsible for the next action | Makes accountability visible |

| Follow-up date | Specific date and time | Turns intent into a calendar reality |

## METRIC TRACKER

| Metric | Target | Review Rhythm | Owner |

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| First response time | Under 5 minutes for web leads and under 4 rings for calls | Daily | Front-door owner |

| Qualified next step captured | 90 percent or better | Weekly | Intake owner |

| Booking or follow-up assigned | 100 percent | Weekly | Office lead |

Missed inquiry recovery	Same day when possible	Weekly	Follow-up owner
Review or proof request sent after successful work	80 percent or better	Weekly	Reputation owner
Unowned open opportunities	Zero by Friday close	Weekly	Owner or manager

## DECISION RULES

- If the request is urgent, route it before collecting nice-to-have details.
- If the buyer is comparison shopping, prioritize speed, proof, and a clear next step.
- If the lead is qualified but not ready, assign follow-up instead of letting the record sit open.
- If the customer repeats information twice, the handoff failed.
- If staff are rewriting the same explanation manually, turn the explanation into a script, snippet, or automation.
- If a review request depends on memory, the business does not have a review system yet.
- If the same problem appears across phone, chat, forms, and CRM, the business needs a system fix, not another reminder.

## HANDOFF SOP

Use this SOP whenever a request moves from one person, channel, or system to another.

1. Confirm the customer identity and preferred contact method.
2. Summarize the need in one sentence a new team member can understand.
3. Label urgency without exaggerating.
4. Attach the source channel so reporting stays useful.
5. Record what the customer was promised.
6. Assign the next action to a named person or system.
7. Set a follow-up time.
8. Close the loop with the customer when the next action is complete.

A handoff is not complete when the note is written. It is complete when the next owner accepts responsibility and the customer knows what will happen next.

## 30-DAY ROLLOUT

Week 1: Audit the current workflow. Pull real examples and mark where response, routing, trust, booking, or follow-up breaks down.

Week 2: Test the working language. Use the scripts and worksheet on live customer requests. Keep the test narrow enough that the team can actually follow it.

Week 3: Add measurement. Review first response, qualified next step, booking assignment, follow-up completion, and proof capture. Fix the weakest metric first.

Week 4: Decide what should be systemized. If the workflow now works with manual ownership, keep it as an SOP. If it still depends on memory, install automation or move it into a managed AI Business Operating System.

## IMPLEMENTATION NOTES

This asset is meant to be edited. Replace generic wording with the business name, service categories, staff roles, escalation rules, pricing boundaries, service-area rules, and follow-up timing. Keep the parts that make the team faster and remove anything that adds ceremony without improving the customer journey.

The best use of The Quiet Protocol is not to make the business look organized on paper. The best use is to make the next customer easier to answer, easier to qualify, easier to book, easier to follow up with, and easier to turn into visible proof.

## DEPLOYMENT NOTES

### HOW STRONG TEAMS ACTUALLY USE THIS ASSET

- Assign one accountable owner instead of letting "Restoration Emergency Authorization Script" become shared but unmanaged work.
- Use it with restoration owners, intake coordinators, mitigation managers, and call teams in a weekly rhythm so the asset drives decisions rather than sitting in a folder.
- Decide in advance what counts as green, watch, and red performance so the team knows when to escalate.
- Capture learnings directly in the document every week so the asset becomes smarter over time instead of resetting to zero.

### HOW TO GET STRONGER OUTPUTS FROM MODERN AI MODELS

- Start with a compact context packet: business type, customer situation, service offered, tone guardrails, and any facts the model must preserve.
- State the deliverable shape up front: channel, word count, required fields, and the exact output format you want back.
- Use variables and clear delimiters so the prompt can be reused safely by staff without rewriting the entire instruction every time.
- Include one strong example when tone and structure matter, then ask for a final answer only rather than hidden reasoning.

- Add a final self-check step for compliance, specificity, and whether the response actually sounds like a real operator wrote it.

## **BEST DEPLOYMENT SEQUENCE**

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## **WHAT SEPARATES A SERIOUS VERSION FROM A BASIC TEMPLATE**

- Clear ownership for every step, not generic advice without accountability.
- Targets, thresholds, or decision rules that tell the team what good looks like.
- Specific working components: A first-call script for water, mold, and damage mitigation situations, Language for urgency framing, authorization explanation, and arrival expectation setting, A short note structure for insurance and internal handoff.
- A built-in review cadence so the document becomes part of operations rather than a one-time download.