

# Checklist For Starting a Convenience Store

## Market Research and Planning

- Analyze local market needs
- Identify target customers
- Study competition
- Select high-traffic location
- Develop a business plan

## Legal and Regulatory

- Register your business
- Obtain necessary permits
- Secure health and safety certifications
- Comply with local zoning laws
- Arrange for inspections

## Financial Setup

- Open a business bank account
- Establish credit terms with suppliers
- Set up accounting system
- Plan budget and financial forecasts
- Secure financing if needed

## Store Setup and Design

- Lease or purchase a property
- Design store layout
- Acquire shelving and fixtures
- Install security systems
- Ensure ADA compliance

## Inventory Management

- Select product range
- Establish contact with suppliers
- Setup inventory tracking system
- Plan for seasonal stock
- Manage stock rotation

## Marketing and Sales

- Create a store branding
- Launch promotional campaigns
- Implement loyalty programs
- Utilize local advertising
- Engage with community events

## Go-to Resources for Starting a Convenience Store

### Inventory Management

- [Sortly](#)
- [Stockpile](#)
- [inFlow Inventory](#)

### Security Systems

- [ADT](#)
- [SimpliSafe](#)
- [Vivint](#)

### Business & Accounting

- [ZenBusiness](#)
- [Northwest Registered Agent](#)
- [FreshBooks](#)
- [MyCorporation](#)

### Useful Tools

- [SWOT Analysis Generator](#)
- [Lean Canvas Generator](#)

\*All of the resources are clickable links