

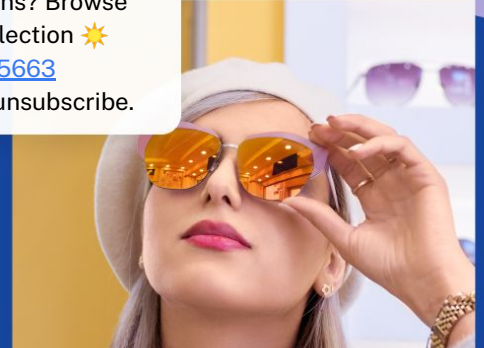
Getting Started with **Sailthru SMS**

Get up and running with SMS using this simple checklist to guide you.

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Let's get started!



STEP 1

Grow your SMS list



Read our [5 Tips to Build Your SMS List](#).

This guide gives you simple steps to build an engaged and compliant SMS list.



Add SMS to your signup forms, capturing mobile numbers and explicit consent.

- Our demo video, [Add SMS to your Hosted Pages](#), will show you how.
- Next, don't forget to promote your updated signup form on your social media and digital platforms.



Use Overlays to capture mobile numbers and consent on your website.

- Watch the video on how to [Add SMS to Overlays](#) to learn more.



Leverage your email database, sending an email inviting them to opt-in to SMS.

Don't forget to create a value exchange, giving customers a reason to subscribe (the best practices guide has some great ideas)!

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**STEP 2****Brush up on SMS best practices**

Get familiar with our complete [SMS best practices guide](#).

The guide gives insight into the best times to send, when to use email vs. SMS, suggested frequency, and SMS compliance/regulations.



Check out our [SMS: A New Way to Engage](#) webinar.

Our experts cover the fundamentals of SMS marketing and show you how easy it is to build, send, automate, and report on your cross-channel messages in Sailthru.

**STEP 3****Plan your cross-channel strategy**

When paired with email automation and segmentation, SMS marketing strengthens the connection with your audience and drives ROI efficiently and economically.

[Check out this guide](#) to start planning how, where, and when to incorporate SMS into each of your marketing initiatives.

- **Pro-tip:** Use Lifecycle Optimizer to automate your SMS marketing touchpoints. [Here's how.](#)

Once your SMS toll free number has been verified, it's time to start sending!

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STEP 4

Time to create and send your first campaign



Create your list in Sailthru and send your first SMS in just a few simple clicks.

Learn how in this how-to video: [Sending Your First SMS Campaign](#)



STEP 5

Optimize SMS engagement and track results



Personalize your SMS content using custom fields (*i.e* first names, location, purchase preferences).



Segment your audience based on characteristics or behaviors to send more targeted messages.



Test your SMS content. Try emojis or different CTA's to see which resonate with your audience.



Improve engagement by testing different send times and days (making sure they are compliant with best practices).



Measure and track your SMS campaign performance to inform the next steps in your engagement strategy.

- We show you how in this video about [SMS Campaign Reporting](#).

Make sure your finger is on the pulse with SMS by visiting our [SMS Resource Center](#).

For additional SMS support, you can:

- Talk to your Customer Success Manager
- [Contact Sailthru support](#)