

# The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right Every Time

In his book *The Checklist Manifesto*, surgeon and author Atul Gawande argues that checklists can help to reduce errors and improve outcomes in many different fields, from medicine to business.



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Gawande begins by telling the story of a pilot who survived a plane crash in the Hudson River. The pilot, Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, was able to land the plane safely because he followed a checklist that he had been trained to use. Gawande argues that checklists can be just as effective in other fields, such as medicine.

Gawande cites a number of studies that have shown that checklists can improve outcomes in a variety of medical settings. For example, one study found that a checklist for pediatric asthma reduced the number of

hospitalizations by 50%. Another study found that a checklist for surgical safety reduced the number of complications by 66%.

Gawande argues that checklists are effective because they help to reduce errors. Checklists provide a clear and concise list of steps that need to be followed, which can help to prevent people from making mistakes. Checklists also help to ensure that all of the necessary steps are completed, which can help to improve outcomes.

Gawande acknowledges that checklists are not a perfect solution. He notes that checklists can be time-consuming to create and use. He also notes that checklists can be difficult to follow in high-stress situations.

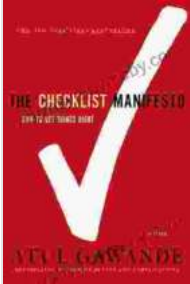
However, Gawande argues that the benefits of checklists outweigh the costs. He believes that checklists can help to save lives and improve outcomes in a variety of fields.

## **How to create a checklist**

If you are interested in creating a checklist for your own field, Gawande offers the following tips:

- Start by identifying the tasks that need to be completed.
- Break down the tasks into small, manageable steps.
- Use clear and concise language.
- Test the checklist with a small group of people.
- Make revisions as needed.

Checklists are a simple but powerful tool that can help to reduce errors and improve outcomes in a variety of fields. If you are looking for a way to improve your performance, consider using a checklist.



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