The Missed-Call Text-Back Kit

The five-step automation that replies before your competitor does

By ShopTwin — AI-run workflow demos for home service pros. Every setup in this kit was built and tested on a fictional demo business. No real customer data, no made-up results.

Why this is the first automation to install

When a call goes unanswered, most callers don't leave a voicemail — they dial the next shop on the list. A missed-call text-back sends an automatic SMS within seconds of the missed call, so the conversation (and the job) stays with you. It is the simplest workflow in GoHighLevel: one setting, one message, no staff involved.

What you need

- A GoHighLevel account.
- A business phone number inside GoHighLevel that customers actually call (an LC-Phone or Twilio number connected to your location).
- In the US: A2P 10DLC registration for that number, so your texts actually send. GoHighLevel walks you through it under Settings → Phone System → Trust Center.
- About five steps. No code.

Setup — step by step

Option A — the built-in setting (fastest)

1. Go to **Settings** → **Communications** → **Phone System** and open the **Voice** tab.
2. Open **Voicemail & Missed Call TextBack** → **Missed Call Text Back** and make sure **Enable Missed call textback** is checked (on new accounts it is already on).
3. Click **Customize**, paste one of the message templates below, and replace [Shop Name] with your business name. Save.

Option B — as a workflow (more control: follow-up email + a task for your team)

1. Go to **Workflows** → **Create Workflow** and search the templates for **Missed Call Text**

Back, or start from scratch.

2. From scratch: add the **Call details** trigger and set its filter to **Call status = no-answer**.
3. Add the **Send SMS** action and paste your message. The official template adds three extras after the text: a 5-minute wait, a follow-up email, and a task.

Test it

1. Call your business number from your own mobile, let it ring out (don't answer), and confirm the text arrives.
2. Reply to the text from your mobile. Confirm the reply appears in GoHighLevel under Conversations — that's the thread your team will work from.

Copy-paste message templates

Standard (recommended)

> *Hi, this is [Shop Name]. Sorry we missed your call — how can we help?*

With booking link (if you use an online calendar)

> *Hi, this is [Shop Name]. Sorry we missed your call. You can book a time here: [booking link] — or just reply to this text and we'll sort it out.*

After hours

> *Hi, this is [Shop Name]. We're closed right now, but we got your call and will reply first thing in the morning. If it's an emergency, reply EMERGENCY and we'll do our best to reach you.*

Keep it short, name the business, apologize once, and ask one question. Don't stack offers or links on top of the apology — the goal is a reply, not a pitch.

Testing checklist

- ☐ Test call from a personal mobile rings out unanswered
- ☐ Text arrives automatically (note how long it took)
- ☐ The message shows your business name correctly
- ☐ Your reply to the text lands in Conversations
- ☐ A second test during closed hours (if you use the after-hours template)
- ☐ Your team knows replies land in Conversations (and someone checks it)

Troubleshooting

- **No text arrives:** check the feature is enabled, that the number customers called is the one connected to this location, and — in the US — that A2P 10DLC registration is complete (Settings → Phone System → Trust Center). An unregistered number will silently fail to send. Test again from a different mobile.
- **Text arrives but replies don't show:** confirm you're looking at the right location/sub-account in Conversations.
- **Customers say the text feels robotic:** shorten it. The standard template above is deliberately plain — it reads like a person, which is the point.

What to automate next

Once text-back is live, the same shop usually adds: estimate follow-ups (so quotes stop going cold), review requests (sent automatically after a finished job), and booking reminders (fewer no-shows). We demo each of these, step by step, on the ShopTwin channels.

Try the platform used in this kit

This kit is built in GoHighLevel. You can run the exact same setup on a free 14-day trial: https://www.gohighlevel.com/?fp_ref=the-shoptwin

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