WORDPRESS CARE · SAFE PHP UPDATES

WordPress PHP update checklist

Use this with your developer or host. Record the date, tester and result so there is a clear record of what was checked.

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BEFORE THE UPDATE

- [ ] Current full PHP version recorded: ..... (for example 8.3.31, not just 8.3)
- [ ] Target PHP version agreed: .....
- [ ] **Full backup** of files and database taken
- [ ] **Recovery plan** confirmed: we know how to roll back if something fails
- [ ] For shops and booking sites: plan agreed for orders and bookings taken during the change
- [ ] Change tested on a **private staging copy** first (emails, payments and integrations controlled)

AFTER THE UPDATE: TEST THESE ON THE LIVE SITE

- [ ] **Enquiry forms:** each form submits and the notification reaches the right person
- [ ] **File uploads:** an allowed file uploads and the team can open it
- [ ] **Bookings:** a test booking completes, availability updates, notifications arrive
- [ ] **Online purchases:** options, cart, shipping, payment and order confirmation all work
- [ ] **Customer accounts:** login, password reset and restricted content work
- [ ] **Business integrations:** a test enquiry or order reaches your CRM or connected system
- [ ] **Key pages on mobile:** menus, layout, buttons and landing pages look and work right
- [ ] **WordPress admin:** staff can log in, edit a page and save
- [ ] **Tracking:** the test action is recorded, and is not counted as a real lead or sale
- [ ] **Error logs** checked by the technical team for new warnings

SIGN-OFF

Date	Tested by	Result / notes

The October 2026 security fix is in **PHP 8.2.35, 8.3.36, 8.4.27 or 8.5.12**. Your version should be at or above the one for your branch.