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# HEY — North Carolina Homeowner Dealing With a Parent’s House... Start Here: The First 5 Things to Do

A simple checklist to help you take the right first steps — without overthinking, missing something important, or making an early mistake that slows everything down.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Right now, you don’t need a full plan. You need a **clear starting point**. Most homeowners get stuck because:

1. they try to figure everything out at once
2. they listen to too many opinions
3. they don’t know what actually matters first

This checklist will help you:

1. focus on what matters right now
2. avoid unnecessary mistakes
3. start moving forward with confidence

As you go through this, ask:

1. “Have we actually handled this yet?”
2. “Are we guessing... or do we know?”

### 1 STEP 1 — Secure the Property

Before anything else:

1. confirm locks are secure
2. check insurance coverage
3. make sure utilities are handled

This protects the house while you figure everything else out.

### 2 STEP 2 — Gather the Key Information

You don’t need everything. Just start with:

1. basic property details
2. any existing documents
3. contact info for anyone involved

Clarity starts with having the right info in one place.

### 3 STEP 3 — Understand Who’s Involved

Even if you’re leading this:

1. there may be other family members involved
2. there may be expectations you’re not aware of

Getting aligned early avoids bigger problems later.

### 4 STEP 4 — Avoid Rushing Into Big Decisions

Common mistakes:

1. trying to sell immediately
2. starting repairs too soon
3. making decisions without enough information

The first move should be informed—not reactive.

### 5 STEP 5 — Decide Your Next Step (Not Everything)

You don’t need to solve everything today. You just need:

1. a clear next step
2. a simple direction
3. confidence in what you’re doing

Progress removes pressure.

## Why This Is Important

Most homeowners don’t make big mistakes. They make **small mistakes early**. Like:

1. skipping key steps
2. acting too quickly
3. not getting aligned

And those small mistakes turn into:

1. delays
2. stress
3. lost time
4. lost money

Starting the right way prevents all of that.

## Book a Free Property Strategy Call

If you want help figuring out your next step...

We’ll walk through:

- your situation
- what you should do first
- and how to move forward without mistakes

No pressure. No sales pitch. Just clear direction so you can get this handled the right way.

Book your 15-minute strategy call now

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