



How to Honk and Wave

What is it?

A “honk and wave” is done by getting together a group of people to stand at a busy intersection during rush hour, hold pro-choice signs, and wave to drivers so that they honk back. Holding a honk and wave is a fun, easy, and low-cost way to get the word out about the fight to protect privacy and choice. With just a few friends, signs, and a lot of energy, you can reach thousands of commuters on their way to or from work.

What You Need

All you need for a honk and wave are pro-choice people and signs.

- Signs: You can make your own signs with slogans like “Honk for Choice,” “I am Pro-Choice America,” and “Vote Pro-Choice.”
 - Be sure to include at least one sign urging drivers to honk!
 - You also could contact your state affiliate or NARAL Pro-Choice America to see if they have signs you can use.
 - Try having your friends line up along the street, holding signs that contain one word so that together they form a phrase or short sentence. As drivers pass, they will read the completed message.
- Pro-choice people: You should try and get at least five people together for an hour or two at a high-traffic area where you’ll reach numerous drivers. Depending on the number of volunteers, friends and family you recruit, you can hold multiple honk and waves at the same time but in different locations.

Where and When to Do It

Choose a busy place and meet your friends there just before morning or evening rush hour. Make sure there is a sidewalk or some other safe place to stand (try to avoid median strips). Wear bright clothing. Please obey city traffic laws and consider letting law enforcement know where you will be.

Be sure to spread out, hold up your signs, and wave to people who honk in support. After an hour or two, gather everyone together, thank them for helping, share funny stories, and head home.

Extra fun: Take pictures and e-mail them to everyone who participated with a thank you. And be sure to e-mail them to your state affiliate or the NARAL Pro-Choice America office at can@ProChoiceAmerica.org.