



Witnessing Guidelines

Thank you for your courage in stepping up as a witness for the dignity of human life! You are standing in unity with *thousands* of people in *cities* across the country who are praying, fasting, and standing in vigil for the end to abortion. Your sacrifices will save lives!

Witnessing and vigils should be prayerful and peaceful. As such, **all of your actions as a vigil participant should be peaceful and reflect God's love for all people.** These are some guidelines that you should follow as a vigil participant. Acting in a violent, harmful, or unlawful manner immediately and completely disassociates you from Right to Life.

- Show compassion and reflect Christ's love to all abortion facility employees and customers; do not threaten, physically contact, or verbally abuse.
- Remain on public property (sidewalk) or property with permission given (do not stand on clinic property or obstruct driveways or sidewalks).
- Closely attend to children.
- Cooperate with local city authorities.
- Limit any signs to messages with positive language; do not bring photos of aborted babies to a vigil (the choice to use such pictures is your right, but we ask that you do not use them*). Signs are available at the Right to Life of Northeast Ohio office.
- **For safety: bring a cell phone and a camera with you; do not go alone.**

Guidelines for Sidewalk Counseling:

- Come with a compassionate attitude (we must love the woman, not just the baby). Don't yell or scream or berate the women.
- Get the woman's attention by saying something like, "Excuse me, can I give you some information?"
- Let the woman know there is help for her if she would choose to make a different decision, and provide her with contact information for a local pregnancy care center (brochures are available).
- Accept any harsh words toward you as a chance to live the Gospel message and endure quietly for the sake of the Kingdom; do not yell back.
- There may be "escorts" there who will walk up with the women to the door. They will talk to the woman to prevent her from listening to you. You may still try to get her attention and try to give her a brochure. Please pray for these escorts.

For Signs, Brochures and Literature:

- During the week, you can stop at the Right to Life of Northeast Ohio office at 572 W. Market Street in Akron between 10:00am & 4:00pm.
- **Important Numbers:**
Right to Life of Northeast Ohio 330-762-2785
Emergency: 9-1-1

There is currently 1 abortion facility and 1 Planned Parenthood facility in the Akron metropolitan area.

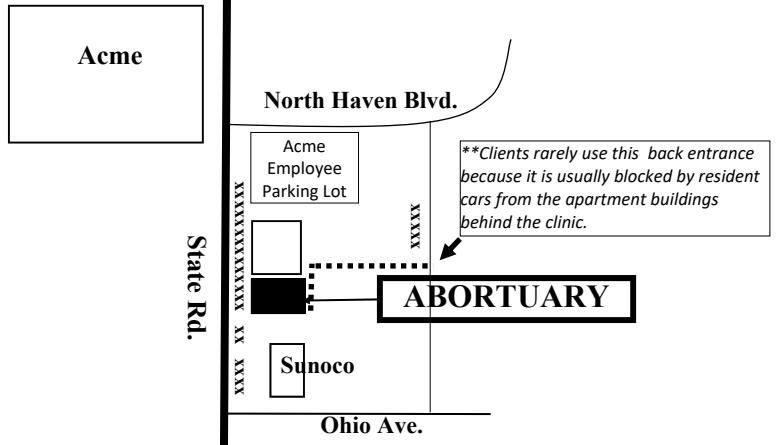
- Northeast Ohio Women's Center • 2127 State Rd. • Cuyahoga Falls OH 44223 (next to Sunoco)
- Planned Parenthood • 444 W. Exchange St. • Akron OH 44302 (across from Dave Walter VW)

**Although graphic signs show the reality of abortion, the people that may see them, especially children, can be very negatively affected.*

Northeast Ohio Women's Center
2127 State Rd.
Cuyahoga Falls OH 44223

You may stand on the public sidewalks only as indicated by the x's at both the front and rear entrances. Do not block driveway entrances.

DO NOT PARK IN THE ACME EMPLOYEE LOT OR IN ANY OTHER BUSINESS LOTS. USE ON-STREET PARKING ON THE SURROUNDING SIDE STREETS.



Planned Parenthood
444 West Exchange St.
Akron OH 44302

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