

40 Days for Life Vigil Safety Guidelines

1. Stay safe, always.
2. Try to have at least two vigil participants.
3. Never be alone after dark.
4. Conduct the vigil in a safe and public or otherwise lawful location.
5. If you feel threatened, leave and call the police.
6. If your path is blocked call the police.
7. If you are touched, call the police.
8. If you can safely do so, photograph/film events.
9. If the police arrive, be polite and cooperative.
10. If you are ordered to leave by competent governmental authority, do so and contact 40 Days for Life headquarters.
11. Do not trespass.
12. Do not threaten.
13. Do not touch others.
14. Do not display or discuss weapons.
15. Do not curse.
16. Do not block anyone's path/right-of-way.
17. Obey all laws.

If there is an incident, please call Rich at 941-923-0752. We'll figure out how to handle it.

THE SHORT LIST – “WHAT IF’S”

What If... We feel unsafe at the vigil site? If you feel unsafe, you are unsafe. Leave the scene and notify your 40 Days for Life headquarters team contact and 911 if there is a crime

Somebody is threatened, is touched, has his or her path blocked? Don't respond Call 911 Get a photo or video of the aggressor and the license plate/vehicle

There is only one volunteer at the vigil site? Bring a friend or recruit a prayer partner from your substitute list. [We strongly suggest not being alone. If you are alone, stay in your car to pray or leave the vigil]

I am concerned a situation with a protester or passerby might escalate? Film and photograph your vigil if you can safely do so Call 911