



How to Organize a Pro-Choice Pub Crawl

What is it?

If you're over 21, a pub crawl is a fun and easy way to collect petition signatures. A pub crawl involves getting a group of people together, going to at least three or four bars or clubs, and asking patrons at the bar to sign your petition. It's a great way to combine a night on the town with pro-choice activism!

Before the Pub Crawl

- Send a save-the-date email to your friends a couple of weeks in advance. Let them know that all they have to do is go with you to the venues you've chosen, talk to other people at the bar or club about the issue on hand, and have a great time.
- Choose a few bars and clubs to visit. Pick three or four that are close together (within walking distance, ideally) and tend to have large crowds. Consider starting at a bar you're familiar with.
- Write down the name and address of each bar and a rough schedule of your night (pick a few back-up bars in case one of your first choices don't work out). Provide directions to each one in case some of your friends aren't familiar with them, as well as the starting location where everyone should meet.
- Prepare enough materials for everyone.

What You Need

- Clipboards—one for each “crawler”
- Blank petitions on each clipboard
- Sample scripts for each “crawler”
- Pens (bring extras)
- Flyers to hand out
- Optional: fun give-aways, like candy or condoms

How to Run the Pub Crawl

- Please select a designated driver before you set out.
- When you enter a bar or club, ask the person at the door or the bartender if it's ok to gather petition signatures. Most places shouldn't have a problem with it, but if they do, leave respectfully.
- Once you're inside, if your friends are comfortable, split into pairs and spread out. Approach individuals or groups, and ask if they'd like to sign your petition. (See our “How To: Collect Petitions through Crowd Canvassing” piece for more tips on approaching people). Tell your friends to stay together in pairs throughout the night.
- When you've been at the bar for 30 to 45 minutes, get your friends together to head to the next location. If you think you might have trouble gathering everyone, bring a whistle or at least a loud voice.

- At the end of the night, get your friends together to collect the petitions, clipboards, and pens. Thank everyone and make sure they have a safe way to get home.
- Mail completed petitions to Attn: Petitions NARAL Pro-Choice America, 1156 15th Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005.