Helicopter Hand Signals

Clear to Start
Make circular motion
above head w/arm

Hold on Ground
Extend arms at 45
thumbs down

Move Upward
Arms extended
sweeping up

Move Downward
Arms extended
sweeping down

Hold Hover
Arms extended
w/clenched fists

Clear to Take-Off
Arms extended in
take-off direction

Land Here
Extend arms
w/wind at back

Move Forward
Arms extended and
wave copter toward you

Move Rearward
Arms downward using
shoving motion

Move Left
Right arm extended
left arm sweeps
overhead

Move Right
Opposite of
move left

Move Tail Rotor
Rotate body w/one
arm extended

Shut Off Engine
Cross neck w/hand
palm down

Fixed Tank Doors
Open arms outward
Close arms inward

Release Sling Load
Contact forearm
w/other hand

**Wave Off
Don't Land**
Wave arms and cross
overhead