

Fire Safety Report

Overview

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) was signed into law in August of 2008 and contains several crucial campus safety components. One of the main provisions of HEOA is the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act. This provision calls for all institutions that participate in Title IV programs and maintain on-campus student housing facilities to publish an annual fire safety report that outlines fire safety systems, policies, practices and statistics. The following report discloses all information required by HEOA.

Fire Log

The Yeshiva maintains a fire log which is available by contacting the Administrative Office. The following chart is a compilation of fire reports, regardless of size or scope that occurred on campus. There were no reported fires in the years 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Date Reported	Date	Time	Location	Type/Cause

Fire Statistics

Following are the fire statistics for the dormitory for the previous 3 calendar years (2021-2023).

Address of Dormitory	Number of fires	Cause of each fire	number related injuries treated at a medical facility	Related deaths	value of damaged property
91 Washington Ave	0				

Fire Safety Systems Description Student Housing and Studying Facilities

Yeshiva Dormitory

The Yeshiva Dormitory building is fully equipped with an automatic fire alarm system, strobe lights, heat detectors, smoke detectors, etc. in all areas. The Yeshiva installed a fully upgraded fire alarm system a few years ago.

Address of Dormitory	Sprinkler or Fire Suppression	Sprinkler in Storage & Trash rooms	Detection Type	Fire Alarm Sound	Strobe lights
91 Washington Ave.	Yes	No	Heat/Smoke	Horns & Strobes	Yes

Number of fire drills per Year & Evacuation Assembly Area Locations

The Yeshiva is required to conduct four fire drills in the student housing facility per year. When the fire alarm is activated, all residents must immediately evacuate the building by following the fire drill procedures. Failure to evacuate the building during a fire alarm will result in disciplinary action.

Building Address	Assembly Area
91 Washington Ave.	Corner of Washington Ave. and Jefferson Ave.

Student Dormitory Policies –Fire Safety

Portable Electric Appliances

For the safety of all residents, use and/or possession of these appliances in the residence halls are prohibited.

- extension cords, except as specified below*
- electric blankets
- Cooking devices of any type, such as George Foreman , propane, charcoal or gas grills, coffee pots, toasters, fryers, charcoal burners, microwave ovens, hot pots
- sun lamps
- halogen, spider & oil lamps
- Electric or space heaters of any type

*All extension cords used at Yeshiva must have a surge protector. Regular extension cords/zip cords/adapters/3-way tape/orange heavy cords/damaged cords or wires are prohibited.

Open Flame in Student Housing Facilities

The use of candles, incense, oil lamps, or any other item using an open flame is strictly prohibited in the residence halls.

Smoking Policy in Student Housing Facilities

Smoking is prohibited within any Yeshiva Building, including residence halls. Smoking is permitted away from any building entrance.

Furnishings

Students are permitted to bring personal items such as rugs, throw pillows and bedspreads. Students are not permitted to drape or cover lights or ceilings in any manner, nor to hang anything from sprinkler heads or fire alarm equipment. Paper or other flammable decorations (posters, collages, etc.) should be used in moderation.

Reporting Responsibilities for Fire Related Emergencies (Student Housing)

All fire related emergencies must be immediately reported to Hillcrest Fire Department (911). It is advisable to additionally contact *Ershte Hilf* at (845) 354-0222, the local organization of emergency responders who specialize in a wide range of possible emergency situations.

Any emergency in or around the residential hall areas should also be reported to Chaim Dovid Biston, the building manager at phone number 845-499-7923.

Residence hall staff will be contacted in addition to assist with these efforts.

The Administrative Office - has the following responsibilities under the emergency response plan:

- 1) Coordinating annual review and update of the safety standards;
- 2) Evaluating the standard's effectiveness;
- 3) Providing and/or coordinating Emergency Response training;
- 4) Reporting fires, emergencies, and related issues to the appropriate agencies;
- 5) Providing information about this standard and specific responsibilities to employees; and
- 6) Responding to or providing assistance during campus emergencies.

Supervisor - will assist with efforts to provide Emergency Response Training to employees.

Employees – have the responsibility to

- 1) Report fires and other emergencies;
- 2) Correct or report unsafe conditions; and
- 3) Observe evacuation procedures and protocols for campus emergencies.

Students – have the responsibility to

- 1) Report fires and other emergencies
- 2) Correct or report unsafe conditions
- 3) Comply with all fire and safety regulations.
- 4) Observe evacuation procedures and protocols for campus emergencies.

Visitors – have responsibilities for observing evacuation procedures and protocols for other campus emergencies.

If any student or employee is aware of a fire, even after the fact, he or she should report the information to Mr. Chaim Dovid Biston, Building Manager by calling 845-499-7923.

Campus Emergency Communications

The Emergency Procedures Guide provides policies and procedures for the coordination of communication within the Yeshiva, and externally among Yeshiva, the media and the public in the event of an emergency. The Yeshiva will provide communication alerts to inform students, faculty, employees and the public where necessary.

Fire Safety Education and Training Programs for New Employees

All new employees are given the website address and advised to thoroughly read all procedures regarding fire safety in order to become familiar with the Yeshiva's fire safety procedures and protocols. Documentation includes: protocol for reporting fires, procedures for evacuating a building, use of fire extinguishers, and how to respond to other emergencies. All new employees are provided with information about safety and fire prevention.

The Fire Safety and Emergency Procedures Guide is available to all students and employees at the Administrative Office. Supervisors are required to review the fire hazards and emergency procedures for the new employee's workplace within the first few days of employment.

The following are the Fire Safety Procedures provided in the Emergency Procedures Guide. In the event of fire, or the smell of smoke or gas, evacuate the building quickly and calmly.

1. Activate the nearest alarm pull station as you leave the building.
2. If you see the fire or smoke condition, immediately call 911, and then call Ershte Hilf at 845-354-0222. Give clear and exact information concerning the fire's location.
3. Employees, students and guests should not try to fight fires on their own and should evacuate the building immediately at the sound of an alarm. Evacuation should be made via the nearest safe exit. Employees and students should not alter their course of exit in order to search for or notify other occupants. Notification may only be made on the way to the closest exit.
4. If a fire alarm sounds in one of Yeshiva's buildings, remain calm. Leave immediately by the nearest escape route leading to a fire exit, closing all doors behind you. Do not run. Use the stairs. Never use an elevator during a fire. Follow the directions of the manager of your building. Respond to every alarm as if it were a real fire.
5. Do not enter an area where there is evidence of smoke or fire. If you have to exit through smoke, crawl low to your exit keeping your head one or two feet above the floor, where the air will be cleanest. Heat and smoke will rise. Hot air can scorch your lungs, and smoke may contain toxic fumes. Take short breaths, and if possible, cover your face with a cloth (preferably damp), and breathe through your nose.
6. Test doorknobs and spaces around the door with the back of your hand. If the door or doorknob is warm, try another escape route. If it is cool, open it carefully, keeping your head to one side to avoid a blast of hot air. Slam it shut if smoke pours through.
7. If clothing catches fire: Stop, Drop, and Roll until the flames are extinguished.
8. Once you have exited the building, stay out. Under no circumstance are you allowed to reenter a building that is in alarm. Re-entry can only be made after an "all-clear" signal is given by the Fire Department and the fire alarm system is re-set.
9. If you are trapped, call 911, if possible, and tell them your location. Seal doors with rags and signal from your window. Open windows slightly at the top and bottom, but close them if smoke comes in.

Each campus building has a designated evacuation area. After you have left the building, go to the predesignated evacuation area and remain there. If you are not aware of where the evacuation area is, stand at least 150 feet from the building. At the evacuation area, when possible, managers and faculty should account for their students/personnel and immediately report to the Fire Department and/or the Building Manager any unaccounted students/personnel.

Special attention by other building occupants should be given to any persons with disabilities, visitors or those unfamiliar with the building.

Future Improvements

When buildings are renovated, upgrades to alarm and suppression systems continue to be performed as required.