

Missing Person Notification Policy

This policy contains the official notification procedures of the Yeshiva in case of missing students, who reside in campus housing, in accordance with the requirements of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, Section 488 (j).

Confidential Contact

Students who reside in on-campus housing, are encouraged to identify an individual to be their missing person emergency contact and to confidentially register that person's contact information with the Administrative Office. A contact form is included with the new student's registration documents, and can be obtained at the Administrative Office. If a student does not submit a missing person emergency contact, the emergency contact on record will be notified. Students may update their missing person contact and their emergency contact information at the Administrative Office.

The information on the missing person's contact form will only be disclosed to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing person investigation or as required by law.

Investigation

If any student or employee of the Yeshiva has reason to believe that a student may be missing, he should immediately notify Rabbi Yitzchak Yida Fischer, the dormitory counselor, at (845)709 – 0548.

Be'er Yaakov will initiate an investigation into a report of a missing person as soon as this information is received. If it is determined that a student has been missing for twenty-four hours, Rabbi Yitzchak Yida Fischer will notify the appropriate law enforcement agencies including the Ramapo Police Department and Ershte Hilf and initiate the notification procedures as set forth in this policy.

Notification Procedures

The missing student's missing person contact will be notified by Rabbi Yitzchok Yida Fischer no later than twenty-four hours after the time that the student is determined to be missing. If the student is under the age of eighteen, his parent or legal guardian, in addition to the student's missing person contact, is required to be contacted. Appropriate law enforcement agencies will also be notified.