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# YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Annual Fire Safety Report

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Israel Henry Beren Campus

Murray Hill section of Manhattan

(Including The Benjamin Residence Hall of Cardozo School of Law)

# FIRE SAFETY REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE POLICY

## Introduction

As required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (“HEOA”), Yeshiva University (the “University” or “YU”) has established the following reporting and disclosure procedures with respect to fire safety in on-campus student housing for the Beren Campus (consisting of several buildings in the Murray Hill section of Manhattan). The reporting and disclosure requirements described below apply only to fires that occur in the University’s Beren on-campus student housing, which is defined as student housing that is owned or controlled



## 2021

Name of Residence	Fires and Cause	Injuries	Deaths	Value of Damages
BROOKDALE HALL	0	0	0	0
SCHOTTENSTEIN HALL	0	0	0	0
151 EAST 36TH STREET	0	0	0	0
150 EAST 35TH STREET	0	0	0	0
THE BENJAMIN - 148 LEXINGTON	0	0	0	0

### Apartment Housing (AH)

Address of Residence	Fires
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## Relevant Fire Safety Definitions

For the purposes of the reporting and disclosure described herein, the University defines the relevant terms as follows.

- “Fire” : Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.
- “Cause of Fire” : The factor or factors that give rise to a fire, including intentional action, unintentional, mechanical failure, or an act of nature.
- “Fire-related injury” : Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of fire. These included injuries sustained from natural or accidental causes.

At times, the University also houses students in the following apartment buildings (AH):

- 251 Lexington Avenue, Manhattan (Apartment Housing – AH)

This dwelling consists of multiple apartment units used, in part, for student housing for the Beren Campus. This building is managed by a third party management company which also leases apartments to other private tenants. The management company is responsible for providing Fire Safety Plan and Evacuation procedures to residents and ensuring that the building adheres to all New York City Building Department and Fire Department regulations. Hallways in the building have sprinklers, and each apartment has battery operated smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.

- 30 Park Avenue, Manhattan (Apartment Housing – AH)

This dwelling is owned and managed by a third party and consists of multiple apartment units,

## Portable Electrical Appliances, Smoking, and Open Flames in a Housing Facility

Rules- In general, residents are expected to maintain adequate standards of cleanliness to avoid fire hazards and must not obstruct sidewalks, entrances, passages, fire escapes, elevators, lobbies, stairways, corridors, or halls with personal property. The following items are prohibited in the residence halls and will be confiscated:

- Flammable decorations
- Natural or artificial trees
- Electric heaters, air conditioners, hot plate burners, toasters, toaster ovens or any appliance that would generate a direct heat source.
- Halogen lighting equipment
- Candles\*, incense, outdoor grills, or any other type of open flame or open coil device
- Explosives, fireworks, firearms, or ammunition

\* This applies to all candles, including Shabbat and Hanukkah candles. Shabbat and Hanukkah candles may be kindled only in officially designated areas. An incandescent electric light should be utilized in student rooms for Shabbat candle lighting purposes.

Refrigerators are permitted only in accordance with official specifications. Non-University air conditioners or space heaters are not permitted in university housing including apartment housing (AH) buildings.

With respect to The Benjamin, in general, residents are expected to maintain adequate standards of cleanliness to avoid fire hazards and must not obstruct sidewalks, entrances, passages, fire escapes, elevators, lobbies, stairways, corridors, or halls with personal property. Halogen lamps are not permitted in any apartment. In addition, washers and dryers are not permitted in any apartment, and dish

## EMERGENCY EVACUATION:

### Housing Procedures for Evacuation in Case of a Fire

- Keep calm. Do not panic. Notify the Fire Department as soon as possible. Fire Department personnel will be on the scene of a fire within minutes of receiving an alarm.
- If your building is equipped with a fire alarm and that alarm is sounded, you should evacuate the building in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Fire Safety Notice affixed to the back of the room/suite entry door. **WHEN A FIRE ALARM SOUNDS, ALWAYS EVACUATE THE BUILDING.**
- Because of flame, heat, and smoke rise, general



building (i.e., fire exits, stairways, alarm pull stations), as well as the fire safety procedures for the building.

Residents should report any problems or inappropriate behavior observed to the Beren Campus Security Department, including damaged or tampered with fire alarms, removal of fire exits signs, missing fire extinguishers, and behavior that compromises the safety of the community.

List of the titles of each person or organization to which students and employees should report that a fire occurred.

At the onset of a fire, students and employees should immediately report all fires to the New York City Fire Department by dialing 911 or activating the fire systems. The Security Department should be notified as well by calling 917-326-4885.

Any plans for improvements in fire safety, should the University determine that improvements are necessary  
Not at this time.

Each University campus will distribute its Annual Fire Safety Report and Annual Security Report to all current students and employees by October 1 of each year. The reports will be posted on the University's website on the Security Department's page at <http://www.yu.edu/safety-security/> and can be accessed by clicking on the Reports link. A notice will be distributed to all students and employees briefly describing the reports.

Annual Report to the U.S. Department of Education

As required by federal law, the University reports annually to the Education Department the fire statistics listed herein for Beren one campus student housing as well as fire statistics for on-campus student housing for its other campuses. The University reports these statistics through the Education Department's web-based data collection system.

Statistics for the University and other schools are available at the Office of Post Secondary Education's web page at <http://ope.ed.gov/campusafety/#/>.

## Daily Fire Log

As required by federal law, each University campus maintains an easily understood written Daily Fire Log. The main office of the Beren Campus Security Department, located at 50 East 34<sup>th</sup>