2016 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report

Statistics for 2013, 2014, and 2015

Tel Aviv Global Academic Center

The utmost safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors is a top priority for New York University. We are dedicated to maintaining an academic site where learning excels in an environment unencumbered by safety concerns or fear for personal well-being.

Although the area surrounding NYU Tel Aviv has a low rate of violent crime, crime prevention remains a high priority. NYU seeks to ensure the safety of its students and employees. The local police force, a closely screened and well trained staff, and the students themselves all share in the responsibility of making NYU Tel Aviv a safe place to study, work and live.

Security and Safety

NYU Tel Aviv utilizes contractual security personnel at Bnei Dan, contracted through Bnei Dan youth hostel where the program resides. The security personnel do not have police designation. NYU Tel Aviv site administrators and the hostel ownership regularly meet to discuss issues and ways to improve the services provided.

Site administrators also maintain a dialogue with the Yarkon Vicinity division of the Tel Aviv Police Department and the United States Embassy to foster a good working relationship with both organizations. Security officials from the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv meet with NYU Tel Aviv students upon their arrival, during orientation week.

Students are advised at their pre-departure orientation, before arriving at NYU Tel Aviv, and then immediately upon arrival, about security in Israel. They are given NYU Tel Aviv’s emergency numbers, contact names, and safety tips related to travel in the region. During orientation, students are advised about NYU Tel Aviv travel procedures, forms they must fill out when travelling outside of Tel Aviv, the travel release form they must sign before leaving campus for an overnight stay, and proper travel do’s and don’ts.

NYU Tel Aviv encourages students, faculty and staff to promptly report all incidents to site administrators, and to report all crimes to the local police. In the event of an emergency, a criminal act or another event that necessitates notification to the student population, NYU Tel Aviv sends a safety alert notification by e-mail or group text message to all students, and holds group meetings if necessary. Information is also posted on a bulletin board on-site. All incident reports are forwarded to the Department of Public Safety at NYU in New York City, and the appropriate incidents are reflected in the annual security report for the site.
NYU Tel Aviv also encourages students to make full use of the NYU Traveler online system so that their travel schedules can be checked against any potential issues at destination countries and through which they can receive up to date travel advisories.

Security and Access in NYU Tel Aviv Housing

Students studying at NYU Tel Aviv must reside in newly renovated NYU Tel Aviv housing, on the premises of a youth hostel. Students enter through a gate with a code pad; the access code is given only to students, NYU Tel Aviv staff, and maintenance personnel. The housing facility has a security guard at the entrance 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Students must present their NYU ID cards to gain access, and visitors are required to provide proof of identity. The main door of the facility is locked if the guard is not present.

The housing facility is equipped with hallway and entrance cameras monitored by security personnel and the hostel’s manager. All deliveries are received at the reception desk and distributed to members of the NYU Tel Aviv staff, who then distribute them to students. The front-desk is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The majority of the maintenance is done by one person on site, who reports to the hostel’s manager. Gardening is done by another person, who also reports to the manager. These are permanent employees who are on the premise every day. Students report problems to NYU Tel Aviv staff members either by email, phone or in person, depending on availability and time of day. Students may call staff members’ cellphone numbers at any time necessary.

Security and Access at Campus Facilities

NYU Tel Aviv administrative offices, classrooms and dorms are all situated in the same facility on Bnei Dan Street in Tel Aviv. The official operating hours of the building are Sunday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. A Resident Assistant (RA) lives on the premise and is available to the students at all times.

NYU Tel Aviv also rents space from the Tel Aviv Conservatory of Music, located two blocks from the main campus, for classes during the morning.

Policies

The New York University Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy and Protocols, Policies on Substance Abuse and Alcoholic Beverages, the Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedures, the Student Conduct Procedures and the Missing Student Notification Policy, outlined in the main NYU Campus Security and Fire Safety report, are applicable to all Global Academic Centers. During orientation, these policies and site-specific security policies and programs are discussed.

Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Awareness

Students are encouraged to remain vigilant and be responsible for their personal safety. Students seeking to report or obtain assistance regarding an incident are advised to contact the appropriate site administrator(s) as indicated in this report.

All incoming students are required to complete a Wellness orientation online component that addresses issues of alcohol and drug use, safety in the city,
mental health services, and sexual misconduct before arriving at NYU Tel Aviv, followed by a one hour face to face orientation when they get to the program.

**AlcoholEdu:** All incoming freshman at NYU are required to complete the two-part, three hour online course, AlcoholEdu for College. The course provides students with information about high-risk drinking behaviors and associated harms, debunks myths about college drinking, and directs students toward tools and resources for staying safe and looking out for friends such as Action Zone Bystander Intervention and the Wellness Exchange hotline. Incoming students are required to complete the first part of AlcoholEdu prior to their arrival in the Fall semester. The second part of the course tests knowledge retention and must be completed six weeks into the Fall term. Failure to complete AlcoholEdu affects students’ spring semester course registration.

**Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Prevention and Awareness**

All students enrolled at each of NYU’s Global Academic Centers completed an interactive, online module that provides education related to sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Students are advised about where to go to receive free and confidential assistance and where to go to make a formal report to the University if they experience this type of violence. The module also addresses the importance of obtaining consent for sexual activity, and bystander intervention. After completing the online component of the module, students participated in active debriefing seminar with local Student Life and Wellness staff during which they can learn more and ask clarifying questions, particularly around issues of obtaining consent for sexual activity.

**The Think About It** online educational program, which is mandatory for all students, helps ensure that students understand their rights and responsibilities in the important area of sexual misconduct. The online educational program is mandatory for the entire NYU student body attending any of the three NYU campuses (New York, Abu Dhabi and Shanghai) or Global Academic Centers. This online course examines the interconnected issues of healthy relationships, substance abuse, and sexual violence, among other topics, through a variety of scenarios and guided self-reflection.

Student leaders are exposed to an additional layer of training with a mandatory Bystander Intervention or Consent Workshop. Through the participation in these workshops and in their roles as leaders, these important lessons will be spread to their peers.

**NYU Tel Aviv Annual Fire Safety Report**

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, requires academic institutions to produce an annual report that outlines annual on-campus student housing fire-related statistics, fire safety policies and procedures. NYU Tel Aviv had on-campus housing in Spring 2015, but beginning in Fall 2015 only offers non-campus housing. New York University publishes this information as part of its Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report each year. This report is available to all students, faculty, staff and our community in the Safety section of the NYU Tel Aviv Global Academic Center website.
Definitions

**Fire:** Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or burning in an uncontrolled manner.

**Fire Drill:** A supervised and scheduled orderly evacuation of faculty, students and staff from a facility for the purpose of ensuring the safety of occupants during an actual emergency. Fire Drills are conducted at various times throughout the year to provide occupants familiarization with a facility’s fire safety features and avenues of egress.

**Fire Log:** A bound log book intended to chronologically record any occurrence of fire within an on-campus student housing facility. The log shall record the time and date that a fire occurred, as well as the general location and nature of the fire. The most recent seven days of recordings must be readily available for review. The most recent 60 days of recordings must be available for review within two business days of the request.

**Fire-related death:** Any death occurring as a direct result of a fire occurring in an on-campus student housing facility, including any individual who dies within one year of such incident.

**Fire-related injury:** Any injury sustained as a direct result of a fire occurring in an on-campus housing facility which as a result requires medical treatment at a medical facility.

**Fire Safety system:** Any devices, systems or combinations of systems designed and intended to detect fire, activate alarms, suppress or control fires. Such systems may include smoke detectors, heat detectors, sprinklers or other similar systems.

**Sprinklered Building:** A building in which all parts including dwelling units, common areas, refuse chutes and utility rooms are protected by an automatic wet sprinkler system.

**Partially Sprinklered Building:** Buildings in which only select areas are protected by an automatic wet sprinkler system.

**Smoke Detector:** A device intended to sound an audible alarm upon sensing products of combustion. A smoke detector may also activate a visible signal and may sound locally or transmit a signal to a central station.

**Property Loss:** Any damage to the structure and contents of an on-campus housing facility as a direct result of an occurrence of a fire therein. Included in any assessment shall be any damage resulting from fire suppression efforts.

**Annual Fire Statistics**

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**Fire Protection Equipment**

All NYU Tel Aviv student housing facilities are equipped with automatic fire detection and alarm systems. The equipment is continually monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.
Health and Safety Inspections
Facilities personnel conduct room inspections on an annual basis. In addition, the local police, municipality and fire department conduct annual inspections.

New York University Fire Policies for On Campus Student Housing

Portable electrical appliances
Electric heaters, air conditioners, hot plate burners and Halogen lighting equipment are prohibited in residence halls.

Smoking
Smoking is prohibited in all areas of all university residence halls. Smoking devices, including, but not limited to, pipes, bongs, and hookahs, are not permitted in the residence halls.

Open Flame
Candles, incense, outdoor grills, or any other type of open flame or open coil device are prohibited in all university residence halls.

Student Housing Evacuation and Drills
There are evacuation procedures for student residences. Each student receives a copy of the Fire Safety & Evacuation Plan for their facility. Additionally, fire evacuation procedures are posted on the rear of dorm room/apartment entry doors.

Policies for Education and Programming
Students are educated on the Fire Safety Plan for their residence within the first ten days of each semester. NYU believes it is extremely important that residents familiarize themselves and their guests with all applicable fire safety procedures in their assigned building. Residents who fail to comply fully with applicable fire safety procedures, or who otherwise violate rules and regulations related to fire safety, will be subject to disciplinary action. In general, residents are expected to maintain reasonable 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.

Plans for Future Improvements
Fire Safety is continually assessed to ensure compliance with the requirements of all regulatory agencies and to identify opportunities for improvement within each facility.
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* Campus residence halls statistics are a subset of the overall on-campus totals. NYU Tel Aviv offered on-campus residence halls through the Spring 2015 semester.
** Non-Campus residence halls statistics are a subset of the overall non-campus totals. NYU Tel Aviv has offered only non-campus residence halls since the Fall 2015 semester.
*** Totals reflect on-campus, non-campus, and public property statistics.

### FOOTNOTES

- There were no hate crimes reported in 2013, 2014, or 2015.
- Coursework was suspended during the Fall 2014 semester, from September through December 2014.

These statistics capture reports of allegations of the types listed above [including anonymous reports] that have been collated in New York City for the purpose of this report. These statistics do not represent findings of any University investigative or judicial processes.
NYU Tel Aviv On-Campus Student Housing Annual Fire Statistics

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Appendix A: Israeli Laws Regarding Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

The following is a summary of criminal laws under Israeli law related to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, based upon good-faith research into the existence of such laws.

“Consent” is not defined in relation to sexual activity in Israeli law. However, under the Protection of Privacy Law, 1981, consent means “informed, express or implied consent.” The term “consent” is used in the legal definition of Rape in Israel, and case law related to Rape indicates that a lack of consent may be proven by means other than physical or verbal resistance.

“Dating Violence” is not defined in Israeli law.

“Domestic Violence” is not defined in Israeli law. However, committing certain violent offenses against a family member may result in more severe punishment than if they were committed against non-family members.

“Sexual Assault” is not defined under Israeli law. However, Rape is defined under Section 345 of the Israeli Penal Law, 1977, as follows:

345. (a) If a person had intercourse with a woman —

1) without her freely given consent;

2) with the woman’s consent, which was obtained by deceit in respect of the identity of the person or the nature of the act;

3) when the woman is a minor below the age of fourteen, even with her consent;

4) by exploiting the woman’s state of unconsciousness or other condition that prevents her from giving her free consent;

5) by exploiting the fact that she is mentally ill or deficient, if—because of her illness or mental deficiency—her consent to intercourse did not constitute free consent;

then such person committed rape and is liable to sixteen years imprisonment.

b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), a rapist shall be liable to twenty years imprisonment, if the rape was committed under one of the following circumstances:

1) of a minor under the age of sixteen, and under the circumstances said in subsection (a)(1), (2), (4) or (5);

2) while threatening with a firearm or cold arm;

3) while causing bodily or mental injury, or pregnancy;

4) together with the abuse of the woman before, during or after the act;

5) in the presence of one or several others, who joined together to commit rape by one or several of them.