

## Annual Campus Security Report – NYU in Buenos Aires 2009 - 2010

In compliance with the federal **Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Police and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998** (formerly the **Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990**)

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

Although the area surrounding the site has a low violent crime rate, crime prevention remains a high priority. NYU does its part 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 in Buenos Aires a safe place to study, work and live.

### **Security and Safety**

NYU in Buenos Aires utilizes contractual security personnel at one location who do not have police designation. The company providing personnel have been carefully vetted by the University to ensure that the standards enjoyed by the students at the NYU campus in New York City are met. Representatives from the company regularly meet with site administrators to discuss issues and ways to improve the services provided.

Site Administrators also maintain a dialogue with Buenos Aires Police department and the US Embassy to foster a good working relationship with both organizations. Representatives from the BA Police Department come to speak with students during Orientation.

At the pre departure orientation before arriving to the site, and then immediately upon arrival, students are advised.

The students are given the local security numbers: police, fire department, ambulance, local health insurance, NYU emergency telephone, the US Embassy, etc. (See attached file What to do in an emergency).

Students are given safety information in our student handbook and also actively participate in an interactive session held during Orientation with our security consultants and representatives from the BA Police Department. (See attached file: Safety in Student handbook)

Students are urged to report any incident to the Office of Student Life by using the local emergency phone in Buenos Aires. In very serious incidents students are told to call the police, fire department or ambulance first. Reports may be made on a voluntary confidential manner.

All security procedures are discussed at the beginning of the semester with staff and students during Orientation. Students are given a lecture by our security consultants and meet with the local Police department. They are shown videos of the typical petty crimes in Argentina and we also do some role-playing for students to understand what they can be faced with on the street. There are frequent reminders sent to students via email or by flyers posted in the Academic Center on different security subjects.

The University encourages students, faculty and staff to promptly report all incidents to the individuals previously listed as well as the local police if a crime took place.

In the event an emergency, criminal act or other event that necessitates notification to the student population occurs, notification is done by email to all students and flyers are placed at the site. We have also called meetings to discuss different topics that needed immediate attention. All incident reports are forwarded to the Assistant Director of Public Safety for Crime prevention, Clery Compliance and Strategic Planning at NYU in New York City where the appropriate incidents will be reflected in the annual security report for the site.

#### Security and access in University Housing

Students studying at NYU in Buenos Aires have a variety of housing options:

-Homestays, which are spread throughout in the city of Buenos Aires mainly in the Palermo and Recoleta neighborhoods.

-Two Students Residences: The University does not identify the exact address of where students reside for security reasons

1 - Staff posted at the front entrance surveys access to the residence and identification is displayed upon entry. Guests and visitors are also required to present identification and cannot go up to the students rooms but must remain in the common areas. The front desk is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are security cameras placed throughout the Residence and the front desk must buzz students in. The Residence Administration is responsible for the access policy and the staff enforces the policy. The main door to the facility is kept locked at all times and students and visitors are buzzed in. Students also have a cell phone number that they can call to contact the front desk. Maintenance is done by the Residence staff at designated hours. The Residence Administration is responsible for all maintenance work. Students report problems to the Office of Student Life in Buenos Aires who in turn contacts the Residence Administration. Students' contact is Marcela Torino, Assistant Director of Student Life (Tel: +54 11-4828-5205)

The Security Measures employed are: security cameras, 24 hour desk coverage, showing of identification upon entry, guest policy: can only use common areas and cannot access student rooms, and an NYU cell phone placed at the front desk for emergencies.

2 - Staff posted at the security camera station surveys access to the residence and students enter with magnetic keys that register who enters and exits the building. Guests and visitors are also required to present identification and cannot go up to the students rooms but must remain in the common areas. The security cameras station is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Residence staff is at the station during the day and a private security company comes in at night. There are security cameras placed throughout the Residence. The Residence Administration is responsible for the access policy and the staff and security personnel enforce the policy. The main door to the facility is kept locked at all times and students must use their keys to enter the building. Students also have a cell phone number that they can call to contact the security station. Maintenance is done by the Residence staff at designated hours. The Residence Administration is responsible for all maintenance work. Students report problems to the Office of Student Life in

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Security and access at Campus Facilities:

NYU Site in Buenos Aires

Anchorena The site is open Monday- Friday 9 am to 9 pm. Saturdays 9 am to 6 pm.

Access is achieved through security posted at the front entrance. Identification is displayed upon entry. Visitors, guests and deliveries are announced to the site staff by telephone and their ID information is taken down but the security personnel.

There are security cameras placed through the academic center, which can be accessed by the security personnel and online by designated staff. There are panic buttons placed in all bathrooms and at the security guard desk.

The security consultants hired by NYU BA, German Boris, are responsible for the development of the access policy and its enforcement.

The secondary means of egress are secured by motion detectors and are locked when there is no one in the building. The main entrance is monitored by an alarm system and is also locked once there is no staff or students in the building.

Maintenance is done by an outsourced company, which comes in every Saturday to work on whatever is needed. The security personal are responsible for giving them our instructions and their access in the building.

All problems are reported to Marcela Torino, the Assiatnt Director of Student Life (Tel: +54 114828-5205) and to the security consultants, German Boris, Dario Stelowicz (tel +54911-4998-2474) or Sebastian Napchan (Tel: +54 911 -5451-0110)