

Annual Security Report – NYU in Paris 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 an academic site 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 France a safe place to study, work and live.

Security and Safety

NYU in Paris utilizes contractual security personnel at its Parisian academic center 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 neighborhood police departments and the US Embassy to foster a good working relationship with both organizations. NYU in France is on particularly friendly terms with the US ambassador, and has even held numerous receptions or cultural events at his residence in recent years.

| At the pre--departure orientation, and then immediately upon arrival, students are provided with an extensive orientation packet including the NYU-P SOS phone number (which is also listed on the back of students NYU-P student ID card), which is answered by NYU-P's wellness coordinator and clinical psychologist 24/7. Students living in residence halls have the additional resource of the RA on-call phone number. Documents provided to students during orientation include a one-page survival guide for students' first week in Paris, and an on-line guide to Living in Paris that explains how to use public transportation, HTH health insurance, and other practical information. Several orientation meetings are devoted to educating students on safety and security issues in Paris. Topics covered include (but are not limited to) safely navigating public transportation, parts of the city and/or metro system to avoid at night, the importance of going out in groups, how to avoid being an "easy target" for pickpockets or a victim of a more serious crime (for example not to accept drinks from strangers), the importance of locking one's door, what to do if you are followed home, etc.

We also explain to students that abusing alcohol is neither tolerated by NYU-P or French law, and that students can be held overnight by the police if found to exhibit drunk and disorderly conduct in public. The correlation between incidents suffered by students and alcohol

consumption is also mentioned. We continually reiterate the availability of our 24h SOS line and the French equivalent of 911 (112) throughout these meetings as well. These and other points are revisited throughout the semester in greater depth through workshops held by the Wellness Coordinator. A Wellness Center brochure is distributed and Wellness center open-house is also planned so that students have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Wellness Coordinator and the center, so as to encourage them to visit her by appointment or during walk-in hours.

In terms of reporting crimes, French law requires victims of many crimes, such as theft, fraud, or assault, to report the crime to the French police before any action (including compensation or reimbursement) can be taken. Victims of more serious violent crime are also encouraged under French law to report to the police, and special “medical-judicial” emergency rooms exist for victims of violent crime. NYU-P encourages students, faculty and staff to promptly report all incidents to the individuals previously listed as well as the local police in the event of a crime. A member of NYU-P staff systematically accompanies all students in need of filing a police report to the police station or of receiving serious medical attention to a French hospital.

In the event an emergency, criminal act or other event that necessitates notification to the student population occurs, an email is sent to all students via list-serve notifying them of the incident and the appropriate measures to take. The student page of our internal NYU-P website can also be updated to reflect the emergency message. RAs and the Wellness center may also provide increased walk-in hours or program a meeting depending on the gravity of the situation. Flyers may also be posted in the center warning students or indicating necessary precautions to take.

In the past, a phone chain has been used by NYU-P staff to spread urgent messages. We are interested in exploring new ways to reach students quickly in the event of an emergency, including a system that would allow us to text students. It has come to our attention that NYU has been using such a system. If this is true, we would be extremely interested in learning more about it so that we could hopefully implement it here in Paris as well. Please contact us with more information about sending texts to all of our students in case of emergency.

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 Paris have a variety of housing options. The University does not identify the exact address of where students reside for security reasons

Freshmen are housing in two, NYU-vetted residence halls run by the “Estudines” group and located in Eastern Paris. These residence halls are protected with security cameras and keyed and coded entries (the door is unlocked when the reception is open, and locked on nights and weekends, requiring residents to enter using codes and their keys). During the day (roughly 9:30-12:30 and 2-7, M-F as well as Saturday morning until 12:30), residence staff is present at the front entrance to welcome deliveries. Each student is housed in an individual studio with a triple-lock door and a peephole..

Major maintenance issues are reported to RAs who then alert residence hall staff so that they can call technicians as necessary. Some maintenance issues require fees. Students receive the “on-call” RA number upon arrival as well as RAs email addresses. Basic maintenance issues, such as changing lightbulbs or clogged drains, are expected to be dealt with by students.

All services related to common areas of the residence hall are dealt with by Residence Hall staff and their technicians.

Most upperclassmen live in home-stays, studios, shared apartments, or chambers de bonne throughout the city. All housing arrangements are visited and vetted by NYU staff prior to student arrival to ensure that they are clean and safe. These apartments are in residential buildings with other French residents.

Security and access at Campus Facilities:

The NYU in Paris academic center is located in the upscale 16th arrondissement at 56, rue de Passy. The main office is open from 8:30 am-8:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and from 8:30-6:00 on Friday. The library and building generally remain open until 8pm, with the exception of Friday when they close at 5:30.

Our NYU-F SOS phone is available to students 24 hours a day, seven days a week for after-hours emergencies.

There is no sign for the university on the street; though this entrance is open during the day, it is protected with a code at night. Access to all academic buildings (three) are also protected by codes. There is also a full-time security officer at the entrance of the main academic building to monitor visitors and deliveries.

Maintenance, alterations and repairs are dealt with by NYU-P staff who outsource to technicians with whom we’ve developed a positive working relationship throughout our 40-years of existence in Paris.

Students and faculty generally report problems to the Student Life Office, who then inform the appropriate entities, such as the Director or Assistant Director, before calling a technician.

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