

YESHIVA SHAAREI TORAH

CAMPUS SECURITY PROCEDURES

(A) **Campus crime reporting procedures:** Any student or employee who observes a crime should immediately notify the nearest police station. In addition, in the event of any threatening event (e.g. bomb threat, suspected criminal, suspicious character on premises, etc.) the person who observes the danger should carefully and quietly notify the senior administrative staff member on campus so that all students and employees can be notified and advised what precautions to take, while avoiding panic.

All crimes should be brought to the attention of Mr. Harald Johansen, who serves as a liaison with the local police in coordinating information and keeping students informed. Pertinent crime information will be publicly announced to the student body within 24 hours of a crime.

(B) **Policies on access to facilities:** Access to all school facilities is restricted to students, employees and authorized visitors who are approved by the school administration. All buildings are to be securely locked after programs and study sessions have ended. After-hours student access is provided by contacting appointed employees and/or students.

(C) **Current campus law enforcement policies:** The institution maintains no security force of its own. All students and employees who observe some dangerous or suspect situation are expected to communicate with local police immediately. Students are reminded of their responsibility for the welfare of their fellow students.

(D) **Availability of on and off campus counseling and mental health services for crime victims:** Counseling is available on campus and is provided by faculty and administration members. In addition, counselors with special training in the counseling field are available to students through the Bikur Cholim Center for Applied Psychology 845-425-5252 ext 300, 25 Robert Pitt Dr, Suite 101, Monsey, NY 10952

(E) **Policies for preparing the annual disclosure of crime statistics:** The institution annually discloses crime statistics to students and employees.

(F) **Programs to educate students and employees about campus security procedures:** Students are expected to read all the security materials carefully, and to adhere to all policies.

(G) **Programs to educate students and employees about crime prevention:** Students are expected to observe rudimentary precautions, such as traveling in groups after dark and in high crime areas.

(H) **Statistics, for most recent calendar year (and last two as available), of violent offenses thefts reported to police:** There have been no documented cases of violent offenses.

(I) Policy regarding police monitoring of crime at recognized off-campus organizations:

There are no authorized off-campus organizations.

(J) Substance abuse policy: See Drug and Alcohol policy.

(K) Statistics on liquor, drug, and weapons abuses: There have been no documented offenses related to liquor, illegal drugs or weapons.

(M) Campus policy regarding sexual assault: Yeshiva Shaarei Torah is fully committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all students. Accordingly, the school adheres to a strict no-tolerance policy with regard to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

Domestic Violence is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the following criminal offenses upon a person protected under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1990: Homicide, Assault, Terroristic threats, Kidnapping, Criminal Restraint, False Imprisonment, Sexual Assault, Criminal Sexual Contact, Lewdness, Criminal Mischief, Burglary, Criminal Trespass, Harassment, Stalking.

In the event of a sex offense, or incident of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, students are urged to contact the police immediately. The nearest police station is located at 237 Rt. 59, Suffern, NY 10901 and the phone number is 845-357-2400. If a student does not feel comfortable contacting the police directly, he may do so indirectly through Rabbi Asher Weiss, Rosh Bais Medrash.

Should such an assault or incident occur, it is important for the student to preserve all evidence as proof of a criminal offense. Victims of sexual assault, dating violence or stalking are directed to contact SAVI Takanot Program at Mount Sinai (212) 423-2147 for free and confidential short-term and long-term counseling and psychotherapy for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Therapists are trauma specialists with knowledge of and sensitivity to Orthodox practices and laws. Orthodox and non Orthodox therapists available. The program is located at Mount Sinai Hospital on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.

Victims of domestic violence may also contact the Shalom Task Force's Confidential Hotline at (718) 337-3700.

Yeshiva Shaarei Torah will change a victim's academic and living situation after the alleged sex offense if changes are requested by the victim and are reasonably available. In the case of an alleged sex offense, incident of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, both the accuser and the accused will be called before a disciplinary committee headed by the Dean, who receives annual training in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a disciplinary proceeding. The Dean will interview both parties and any witnesses in order to make a determination of the student's culpability. The accuser and the accused will be informed of the school's disciplinary proceeding with respect to the alleged offense or incident.

Any student who is found guilty of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, as determined by an investigation by a faculty board of inquiry, will immediately be expelled from the institution. There is no due process involved, and no appeal will be accepted. Attendance at our institution is a privilege, not a right, and may be withdrawn without notice if the student is deemed a threat to the safety and security of the student body.

(M) Information for Crime Victims about Disciplinary Proceedings - Yeshiva Shaarei Torah will provide, upon request, to the victim of any crime or violence, or a nonforcible sex offense, the results of any disciplinary proceeding or actions taken by Yeshiva Shaarei Torah against a student who has committed such a crime or offense.

If the victim has died, as a result of the crime or offense, the information shall be provided, upon request, to the closest relative of the victim.

(N) Registered Offenders List – The following link is provided to enable students and employees of Yeshiva Shaarei Torah to access information about registered sex offenders in the state of NY. The website can be found at http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/SomsSUBDirectory/search_index.jsp

(O) Emergency evacuation procedures: In the event of an emergency, an alarm sounds throughout the entire building, classrooms, study area and restrooms. Students are instructed to evacuate the premises as posted and meet at the designated emergency evacuation site upon hearing the alarm.

(P) Missing Student Policy: In the event a student, employee, or any individual becomes aware of a student missing for 24 hours he/she must immediately notify Rabbi Asher Weiss, who will then contact the local police department. Students are urged to identify a contact person whom the school shall notify within 24 hours of the determination that the student is missing.

All contact information will be registered confidentially and will only be accessible to authorized campus officials, and will not be disclosed, except to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of the investigation. The institution will contact the designated contact person of the missing person within 24 hours that the student is reported missing. If the student is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian will be contacted. In any case, the institution will inform the local law enforcement agency within 24 hours.

(Q) Fire Safety Policies and Procedures: In the event of a fire in the school building or dormitory, the fire alarm will sound throughout the building. Students are instructed to evacuate the premises and meet at the designated emergency evacuation site upon hearing the fire alarm. The institution conducts a number of fire drills (two per each semester) to ensure that students and staff are familiar with fire evacuation protocol. To prevent potential fires and reduce the number of fire hazards, students are not permitted to bring any cooking and/or heating appliances or other large electrical appliances into the dormitory with the exception of one small refrigerator per room, no larger than 1.7 cubic ft. Irons, microwaves, heaters, electric blankets, electric lamps, hair dryers and similar items are all prohibited. Smoking is prohibited in all campus buildings.

(R) **Other emergency procedures:** If an emergency or threat requires that students remain in the building and that the building remains securely locked, Lockdown Procedures will go into effect securing the building and students from any outside threat. Students are requested to submit their cell phone numbers to the office so that they can be added to the school text alert system.