

# Fire Safety Report

## Overview

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) was signed into law in August of 2008 and contains several crucial campus safety components. One of the main provisions of HEOA is the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act. This provision calls for all institutions that participate in Title IV programs and maintain on-campus student housing facilities to publish an annual fire safety report that outlines fire safety systems, policies, practices and statistics. The following report discloses all information required by HEOA.

## Fire Log

The Yeshiva maintains a fire log which is available by contacting the Facilities Department. The following chart is a compilation of fire reports, regardless of size or scope that occurred on campus.

Date Reported	Date	Time	Location	Type/Cause
3/29/2010	3/29/2010	2:00 AM	Israel Henry Beren Hall/Ateres Bracha	Unknown
8/7/2010	8/7/2010	10:00 AM	Martin Klein Dorm. – First floor	Unknown
12/22/2014	12/22/2014	5:30 AM	Irvington dorm.	Unintentional/menorah
8/16/2015	8/16/2015	8:20 PM	Yeshiva Apts. - porch	Unintentional/Disposable grill

## Fire Statistics

Following are the fire statistics for the previous 3 calendar years (2021-2023).

Dormitory/Building Name	Address	Number of fires	Cause of each fire	number related injuries treated at a medical facility	Related deaths	Property damage	value of damaged property
Martin Klein Dormitory	601 Sixth Street	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Irvington Dormitory	305 Ninth Street	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bais Sholom Dormitory	345 9 <sup>th</sup> Street	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Madison Avenue Dormitory	901 Madison Avenue	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Clifton Avenue Residence Hall	720 Clifton Ave	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
650 Seventh Street	650 Seventh Street	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
657 Seventh Street	657 Seventh Street	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Student Residence	814 Madison Ave.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
422 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	422 Sixth Street	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
801 Lakewood Avenue	801 Lakewood Avenue	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Arlin Court	418 Seventh Street	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lexington Gardens	523 Lexington Ave	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Private Way Apartments	618 Fifth Street	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
The Willows	750 Forest Ave	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lakewood Apartments	205-231- Eighth Street	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yeshiva Apartments	815-825, 925, 975 Forest Ave	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Princeton Avenue Apartments	665 - 675 Princeton Ave	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

## Fire Safety Systems Description Student Housing and Studying Facilities

### Yeshiva Dormitories

Yeshiva Dormitory buildings are fully equipped with sprinkler systems, automatic fire alarm system, strobe lights, heat detectors, smoke detectors, etc. in all areas. The fire alarm system is fully integrated and complies with current regulatory requirements.

Name of Dormitory	Sprinkler or Fire Suppression	Sprinkler in Storage & Trash rooms	Detection Type	Fire Alarm Sound	Strobe lights
Martin Klein Dormitory	Yes	Yes	Heat/Smoke	Horns & Strobes	Yes
Irvington Dormitory	Yes	Yes	Heat/Smoke	Horns & Strobes	Yes
Madison Avenue Dormitory	Yes	Yes	Heat/Smoke	Horns & Strobes	Yes
Bais Sholom Dormitory	Yes	Yes	Heat/Smoke	Horns & Strobes	Yes
720 Clifton	Yes	Yes	Heat/Smoke	Horns & Strobes	Yes
650 Seventh Street	Yes	Yes	Heat/Smoke	Horns & Strobes	Yes
657 Seventh Street	Yes	Yes	Heat/Smoke	Horns & Strobes	Yes
Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Student Residence	Yes	Yes	Heat/Smoke	Horns & Strobes	Yes
422 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	Yes	Yes	Heat/Smoke	Horns & Strobes	Yes
801 Lakewood Avenue	Yes	Yes	Heat/Smoke	Horns & Strobes	Yes

### Yeshiva Owned Apartments in which married Students and their Families may reside

Yeshiva's Apartment buildings are equipped with a fire bell alarm system in each building, heat detectors in the boiler rooms, smoke & carbon monoxide detectors in each apartment, and fire extinguishers in each apartment and common areas. The fire alarm system is fully integrated, rings throughout the building, and complies with current regulatory requirements.

Name of Building	Fire Exits	Sprinkler or Fire suppression	Detection Type	Fire Alarm sound	Strobe lights
Arlin Court	Each apartment has two exits, some by means of a fire escape	No	Heat/Smoke	Bell	No
Lexington Gardens	Each Apartment has one exit, as well as an egress window	No	Heat/Smoke	Bell	No

Private Way Apartments	Each Apartment has one exit, as well as an egress window	No	Heat/Smoke	Bell	No
The Willows	Each Apartment has one exit, as well as an egress window	No	Heat/Smoke	Bell	No
Lakewood Apartments	Each Apartment has one exit, as well as an egress window	No	Heat/Smoke	Bell	No
Yeshiva Apartments	Each Upper floor has two exits, some by means of fire escape	No	Heat/Smoke	Bell	No
Princeton Avenue Apartments	Each Upper floor has two exits, some by means of fire escape	No	Heat/Smoke	Bell	No

### Number of fire drills per Year & Evacuation Assembly Area Locations

The Yeshiva is required by Ocean County Fire Marshall's Office to conduct a minimum of two fire drills in each dormitory per academic year. When the fire alarm is activated, all residents must immediately evacuate the building by following the fire drill procedures. Failure to evacuate the building during a fire alarm will result in disciplinary action.

Building Name	Assembly Area(s)
Martin Klein	Dining room in the Adolph & Ethel Beren Hall
Irvington	Clifton avenue & 10th Street Parking lot
720 Clifton	Clifton avenue & 10th Street Parking lot
650 Seventh Street	Dining room in the Adolph & Ethel Beren Hall
620 Eighth Street	Dining room in the Adolph & Ethel Beren Hall
Arlin Court	Sixth Street Main Campus Parking lot
Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Student Residence	Parking Lot across from dormitory
Lexington Gardens	Clifton avenue & 10th Street Parking lot
Private Way Apartments	Sixth Street Main Campus Parking lot
The Willows	Sixth Street Main Campus Parking lot
Lakewood Apartments	Nearest Parking Area
Yeshiva Apartments	Forest Avenue Bais Medrash Parking lot
Princeton Avenue Apartments	Back parking lot
Irvington Dorm Annex	Clifton avenue & 10th Street Parking lot
Bais Sholom Dorm	Clifton avenue & 10th Street Parking lot
657 Seventh Street	Sixth Street Main Campus Parking lot
422 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	Sixth Street Main Campus Parking lot
801 Lakewood Avenue	Sixth Street Main Campus Parking lot

## **Student Dormitory Policies – (excluding apartment housing where married students with their families reside) Fire Safety Related**

### Portable Electric Appliances

For the safety of all residents, use and/or possession of these appliances in the residence halls are prohibited.

- extension cords, except as specified below\*
- electric blankets
- Cooking devices of any type, such as George Foreman, propane, charcoal or gas grills, coffee pots, toasters, fryers, charcoal burners, microwave ovens, hot pots
- sun lamps
- halogen, spider & oil lamps
- Electric or space heaters of any type

\*All extension cords used at Yeshiva must have a surge protector. Regular extension cords/zip cords/adapters/3-way tape/orange heavy cords/damaged cords or wires are prohibited.

### Open Flame in Student Housing Facilities

The use of candles incense, oil lamps, or any other item using an open flame is strictly prohibited in the residence halls.

### Smoking Policy in Student Housing Facilities

Smoking is prohibited within any Yeshiva Building, including residence halls. Smoking is permitted away from any building entrance.

### Furnishings

Students are permitted to bring personal items such as rugs, throw pillows and bedspreads. Students are not permitted to drape or cover lights or ceilings in any manner, nor to hang anything from sprinkler heads or fire alarm equipment. Paper or other flammable decorations (posters, collages, etc.) should be used in moderation.

## **Reporting Responsibilities for Fire Related Emergencies (Student Housing)**

All fire related emergencies must be immediately reported to Lakewood Fire Department (911).

Facilities Department - During normal business hours, any emergency in or around the residential hall areas should also be reported to the Facilities Department. A Facilities member or senior manger is on call 24 hours. During off hours, emergencies should be reported to the Lakewood Fire Department (911).

Residence hall staff will be contacted in addition to assist with these efforts.

**Facilities Department** - has the following responsibilities under the emergency response plan:

- 1) Coordinating annual review and update of the safety standards;
- 2) Evaluating the standard's effectiveness;
- 3) Providing and/or coordinating Emergency Response training;

- 4) Reporting fires, emergencies, and related issues to the appropriate agencies;
- 5) Providing information about this standard and specific responsibilities to employees; and
- 6) Responding to or providing assistance during campus emergencies.

Supervisor - will assist with efforts to provide Emergency Response Training to employees.

**Employees** – have responsibility for

- 1) Reporting fires and other emergencies;
- 2) Correcting or reporting unsafe conditions; and
- 3) Observing evacuation procedures and protocols for campus emergencies.

**Students** – have responsibility for

- 1) Reporting fires and other emergencies
- 2) Correcting or reporting unsafe conditions
- 3) Complying with all fire and safety regulations.
- 4) Observing evacuation procedures and protocols for campus emergencies.

Visitors – have responsibilities for observing evacuation procedures and protocols for other campus emergencies.

If any student or employee is aware of a fire, even after the fact, he or she should report the information the Director of Facilities by calling 732-367-1060 ext. 4271.

### **Campus Emergency Communications**

The Emergency Procedures Guide provides policies and procedures for the coordination of communication within the Yeshiva, and externally among Yeshiva, the media and the public in the event of an emergency. The Yeshiva will provide communication alerts to inform students, faculty, employees and the public where necessary.

The Yeshiva presently utilizes the following methods of external and internal communications during emergency situations:

- Two-way radio communication
- Building Marshals
- Text messaging
- Assigned staff - messengers/runners
- 107.9 FM – as required by law for public notification

### **Fire Safety Education and Training Programs for New Employees**

All new employees are given the website address and advised to thoroughly read all procedures regarding fire safety in order to become familiar with the Yeshiva's fire safety procedures and protocols. Documentation includes: protocol for reporting fires, procedures for evacuating a building, use of fire extinguishers, how to respond to other emergencies. All new employees are provided with information about safety and fire prevention.

The Fire Safety and Emergency Procedures Guide are available to all students and employees at the Legion building. Supervisors are required to review the fire hazards and emergency procedures for the new employee's workplace within the first few days of employment.

The following are the Fire Safety Procedures provided in the Emergency Procedures Guide  
In the event of fire, or the smell of smoke or gas, evacuate the building quickly and calmly.

1. Activate the nearest alarm pull station as you leave the building.
2. If you see the fire or smoke condition, immediately call 911, and then call Campus Security at 732-367-4692. Give clear and exact information concerning the fire's location.
3. Employees, students and guests should not try to fight fires on their own and should evacuate the building immediately at the sound of an alarm. Evacuation should be made via the nearest safe exit. Employees and students should not alter their course of exit in order to search for or notify other occupants. Notification may only be made on the way to the closest exit.
4. If a fire alarm sounds in one of Yeshiva's buildings, remain calm. Leave immediately by the nearest escape route leading to a fire exit, closing all doors behind you. Do not run. Use the stairs. Never use an elevator during a fire. Follow the directions of the *Memunim* of your building. Respond to every alarm as if it were a real fire.
5. Do not enter an area where there is evidence of smoke or fire. If you have to exit through smoke, crawl low to your exit keeping your head one or two feet above the floor, where the air will be cleanest. Heat and smoke will rise. Hot air can scorch your lungs, and smoke may contain toxic fumes. Take short breaths, and if possible, cover your face with a cloth (preferably damp), and breathe through your nose.
6. Test doorknobs and spaces around the door with the back of your hand. If the door or doorknob is warm, try another escape route. If it is cool, open it carefully, keeping your head to one side to avoid a blast of hot air. Slam it shut if smoke pours through.
7. If clothing catches fire: Stop, Drop, and Roll until the flames are extinguished.
8. Once you have exited the building, stay out. Under no circumstance are you allowed to re-enter a building that is in alarm. Re-entry can only be made after an "all-clear" signal is given by the Fire Department and the fire alarm system is re-set.
9. If you are trapped, call 911, if possible, and tell them your location. Seal doors with rags and signal from your window. Open windows slightly at the top and bottom, but close them if smoke comes in.

Each campus building has a designated evacuation area. After you have left the building, go to the pre-designated evacuation area and remain there. If you are not aware of where the evacuation area is, stand at least 150 feet from the building. At the evacuation area, when possible, Roshei Chabura and managers should account for their students/personnel and immediately report to the Fire Department and/or the Director of Facilities any unaccounted students/personnel.

Special attention by other building occupants should be given to any persons with disabilities, visitors or those unfamiliar with the building.

### **Future Improvements**

The Yeshiva continues to meet or exceed the requirements of the Ocean County Fire Marshal's Office with respect to fire safety. When buildings are renovated, upgrades to alarm and suppression systems continue to be performed as required.