



Albert Einstein College of Medicine<sup>®</sup>

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**ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT**  
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**ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**  
**JACK AND PEARL RESNICK CAMPUS**  
**BRONX, NY**



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## **POLICY:**

### **FIRE SAFETY REPORTING AND DISCLOSURES**

#### **Introduction:**

Albert Einstein College of Medicine (the “College”), together with Yeshiva University (“YU”), are committed to providing a safe and healthful work environment for all of their faculty, employees, students, and visitors.

As required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (“HEOA”), the following reporting and disclosure procedures have been established with respect to fire safety in on-campus student housing for the Resnick Campus. The reporting and disclosure requirements described below apply only to fires that occur in the on-campus student housing, which is defined as student housing that is owned or controlled by YU/the College or located on property that is owned or controlled by YU/the College, and located within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus.

#### **Reporting Fires to Campus Authorities:**

YU/College students and employees must report all fires that occur in the on-campus student housing to the Security Department at (718) 430-2019, Engineering Department at (718) 430-3000, or Department of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) at (718) 430-4150. If not already contacted, such personnel shall immediately call 911 (dial 9 first if using an in-house phone). The College has an incident report form in which all information pertaining to the fire incident is documented. After a report of a fire has been made to any such office, such office will inform the Fire Safety Officer and he/she will complete an incident report form for the fire and the report will be included in the Daily Fire Log referred to below.

**All fires must be immediately reported to the New York City Fire Department by dialing 911 (dial 9 first if using an in-house phone).**

#### **Fire Safety Disclosures:**

Three disclosures are made with respect to fires in on-campus housing (Staff Housing). An annual fire safety report is published for the campus, the fire statistics for the campus are annually reported to the U.S. Department of Education (the Education Department), and a daily fire log for the campus is made, kept and maintained. The procedures for each of these three disclosures for the campus are described below.

#### **Annual Fire Safety Report:**

An Annual Fire Safety Report is published for the campus. The Fire Safety Officer is responsible for collecting the required information and publishing this report. The Annual Fire Safety Report contains the information described below.

## Statistics and Related Information Regarding Fires in Residential Facilities

The following sets forth statistics for each on-campus student housing facility, for the three recent calendar years for which data is available:

### Statistics and Related Information Regarding Fires in Residential Facilities for 2013

Student Residential Facilities	Total Fires in Each Building	Fire Number	Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire <sup>1</sup>
1579 Rhinelander Ave	0	0		0	0	
1925 Eastchester Rd	0	0		0	0	
1935 Eastchester Rd	0	0		0	0	
1945 Eastchester Rd	0	0		0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Values are in dollars.

### Statistics and Related Information Regarding Fires in Residential Facilities for 2014

Student Residential Facilities	Total Fires in Each Building	Fire Number	Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire <sup>1</sup>
1579 Rhinelander Ave	0	0		0	0	
1925 Eastchester Rd	0	0		0	0	
1935 Eastchester Rd	1	1	Crumbs and grease caught fire unintentionally in toaster oven when heated	0	0	\$50.00
1945 Eastchester Rd	0	0		0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Values are in dollars.

### Statistics and Related Information Regarding Fires in Residential Facilities for 2015

Student Residential Facilities	Total Fires in Each Building	Fire Number	Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire <sup>1</sup>
1579 Rhinelander Ave	0	0		0	0	
1925 Eastchester Rd	0	0		0	0	
1935 Eastchester Rd	1	1	Overheated transformer related to Con Edison grid (mechanical failure)	0	0	\$206,000.00
1945 Eastchester Rd	0	0		0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Values are in dollars.

## Relevant Fire Safety Definitions:

For the purposes of the reporting and disclosure described above, the relevant terms are defined as follows.

- **“Total Fires in Each Building”**: The total number for each building of any instances of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.
- **“Fire Number”**: The number of each fire incident for each building.
- **“Cause of Fire”**: The factor or factors that give rise to a fire, including intentional action, unintentional, mechanical failure, or an act of nature.
- **“Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility”**: Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of fire. This included injuries sustained from natural or accidental causes and injuries sustained while involved in fire control attempting a rescue, or escaping from a fire.
- **“Number of Deaths Related to a Fire”**: Any instance in which a person is killed as a result of a fire, or dies within one year of injuries sustained as a result of a fire.
- **“Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire”**: The estimated value of the loss of the structure and its contents, including contents damaged by fire, smoke, water, and overhaul.

## Description of Fire Safety Systems:

The College owns and operates the following four multi-floor apartment buildings on the campus, which are used for residential living. These premises contain one, two and three bedroom apartments.

<b>Rhineland</b>	<b>1579 Rhineland Avenue</b>	<b>Bronx, NY</b>
<b>Staff Housing</b>	<b>1925 Eastchester Road</b>	<b>Bronx, NY</b>
<b>Staff Housing</b>	<b>1935 Eastchester Road</b>	<b>Bronx, NY</b>
<b>Staff Housing</b>	<b>1945 Eastchester Road</b>	<b>Bronx, NY</b>

### **1579 Rhineland Avenue**

This is a 6-story non-fireproof multiple dwelling consisting of 130 apartments. There are 2 compactors protected by a sprinkler system, and sprinklers in the laundry room. There are smoke detectors in the hallways and in each apartment. There is a security officer posted to the building 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### **1925 Eastchester Road**

This is a 28-story fireproof building consisting of 210 apartments. There are sprinkler systems in the compactor, compactor room and underground parking garage. There are smoke detectors in the hallways and in each apartment. There is a standpipe in stairway “C” supplied by city water and exterior Siamese connection. There is a security officer posted to the building 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### **1935 Eastchester Road**

This is a 28-story fireproof building consisting of 210 apartments. There are sprinkler systems in the compactor, compactor room and underground parking garage. There are smoke detectors in the hallways and in each apartment. There is a standpipe in stairway “C” supplied by city water and exterior Siamese connection. There is a security officer posted to the building 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### **1945 Eastchester Road**

This is a 28-story fireproof building consisting of 210 apartments. There are sprinkler systems in the compactor and compactor room. There are smoke detectors in the hallways and in each apartment. There is a standpipe in stairway “C” supplied by city water and exterior Siamese connection. There is a security officer posted to the building 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**In addition, each of the 1925, 1935, and 1945 Eastchester Road buildings is equipped with a public announcement system (the Visiplex Annunciation System), which consists of a public address system, fire alarms and zipper-type signage in all elevator lobbies on each floor of the building.**

### **Number of Fire Drills held on Campus:**

No fire drills are conducted by YU/the College in these apartment buildings. A drill to test YU/the College’s emergency response and evacuation procedures including students was held on November 9, 2015.

### **Rules on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames in a housing facility:**

In general, residents are expected to maintain adequate 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.

Residents may not install any water-filled furniture, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, or air conditioners in the apartments.

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor areas of YU/the College buildings and facilities, except within the privacy of residential apartments.

### **Housing procedures for evacuation in case of a fire:**

#### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION: General Emergency Fire Safety Instructions**

- Keep calm. Do not panic. Notify the Fire Department (Dial 911 – dial 9 first if using an in-house phone) as soon as possible. Fire Department personnel will be on the scene of a fire within minutes of receiving an alarm.
- Because flame, heat, and smoke rise, generally a fire on a floor below your room or apartment presents a greater threat to your safety than a fire on a floor above.

Do not overestimate your ability to put out a fire. Most fires cannot be easily or safely extinguished alone. Do not attempt to put a fire out once it begins to quickly spread. If you attempt to put a fire out, make sure you have a clear path of retreat from the room.

- When exiting the building during a fire, close all doors as you exit to confine the fire. Never use the elevator. It could stop between floors or take you to where the fire is.
- Heat, smoke, and gases emitted by burning materials can quickly choke you. If you are caught in a heavy smoke condition where visibility is poor, get down on the floor and crawl. Take short breaths, breathing through your nose.
- If your clothes catch fire, don't run. Stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands to protect your face and lungs, and roll over to smother the flames.

**Campus policies regarding fire safety education and training programs, which include procedures, that student and employees should follow in the case of a fire:**

Residents in on-campus housing are given information about fire safety with their rental package.

Employees receive fire safety training during orientation, during floor-by-floor and evacuation fire drills and through other various training programs that Environmental Health and Safety conducts.

For more information regarding these topics, visit the Environmental Health and Safety page on the College website at [www.einstein.yu.edu/ehs](http://www.einstein.yu.edu/ehs).

**List of the titles of each person or organization to which students and employees should report that a fire occurred:**

At the onset of a fire, students and employees should report all fires to the New York City Fire Department by dialing 911 (dial 9 first if using an in-house phone). The Resnick Campus Security Department at (718) 430-2019, Engineering Department at (718) 430-3000, or Department of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) at (718) 430-4150 should also be notified as soon as possible.

**Any plans for improvements in fire safety, should YU/the College determine that improvements are necessary:**

Not at this time.

YU/the College will distribute the Annual Fire Safety Report and Annual Campus Security Report for the Resnick Campus to all current students and employees by October 1 of each year. The Annual Fire Safety Report can be accessed at <http://www.einstein.yu.edu/administration/environmental-health-safety/fire-safety/> and the Annual Security Report can be accessed at <http://www.einstein.yu.edu/administration/auxiliary-services/security/>.

A notice will be distributed to all YU/College students and employees briefly describing the reports.

## **Annual Report to the U.S. Department of Education**

As required by federal law, YU/the College reports annually to the Education Department the fire statistics listed above for the on-campus student housing facility. YU/the College reports these statistics through the Education Department's web-based data collection system. Statistics for the College and Yeshiva University's other schools are available at the Office of Post-Secondary Education web page <http://ope.ed.gov/campussafety/#/>.

### **The Fire Log**

As required by federal law, YU/the College maintains an easily understood written Fire Log. The campus Fire Safety Officer is responsible for maintaining the Fire Log for the campus.

The Fire Log lists the following information for each fire that occurs in on-campus student housing: the date the fire occurred, time of occurrence, general location and nature of fire.

The Fire Safety Officer makes entries in the Fire Log within two business days of receiving a report of a fire and updates those entries within two business days anytime he/she receives additional information about the fire. The entries in the Fire Log are eventually used to generate the Annual Fire Safety Report. The Fire Log for the campus is maintained by the campus Fire Safety Officer and is kept in the Security Department at 1300 Morris Park Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461, Forchheimer Building, Room G9. The Fire Log will be kept separate from the Crime Log. The most recent 60 days of the Fire Log for the campus is available upon request in the Security Department's main office for inspection by the public on Monday through Friday during business hours.

Portions of the Fire Log which are older than 60 days will be made available within two business days of a request for public inspection. YU/the College maintains each Fire Log for three years following the publication of the last Annual Fire Safety Report to which that Fire Log applies. Thus, YU/the College maintain each Fire Log for a period of at least seven years.

### **Annual Security Report**

The Annual Security Report is prepared in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. A copy is available from the campus' Security Department. It may be viewed during business hours. The Daily Crime Log is also available for inspection at the campus's Security Department's main office during business hours. The Annual Fire Safety Report for the campus can be accessed at <http://www.einstein.yu.edu/administration/environmental-health-safety/fire-safety/> and the Annual Security Report can be accessed at <http://www.einstein.yu.edu/administration/auxiliary-services/security/>.