

FIT is always aware

Annual
Security
and Fire
Safety
Report



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The Fashion Institute of Technology, a State University of New York college of art and design, business and technology, is a community of more than 10,000 full- and part-time students.

At FIT, the safety and well-being of students, faculty, staff, and visitors are of paramount importance. A safe and secure environment can only be achieved through the cooperation of all members of the college community. This publication is a part of the college's efforts to ensure that this collaborative endeavor is effective. It is published in compliance with the Campus Security Act of 1990, which requires all post-secondary institutions receiving federal aid to provide their communities with an annual report about crime statistics and policies.

Read this report carefully and use the information to help foster a safe environment for yourself and others. Helpful phone numbers are provided on the inside back cover of this booklet. Security at FIT can be reached at 212 217.7777, and is headquartered on the 4th floor of the Fred P. Pomerantz Art and Design Center, Room D442.

Reporting Crime and Emergencies

The Fashion Institute of Technology recognizes the preventive value of the timely publication of reported crimes and encourages students, faculty, and staff to report offenses promptly to their respective campus Security Office, deans, and directors.

Director of Security
Dean for Student Development
Director of Residential Life

Security personnel at the Fashion Institute of Technology are given classroom and on-site training once a year. This training includes Security Awareness Presentation, Role of the Security Supervisor, Emergency Situations, Campus Community Relations, Sexual Harassment at the Workplace, Legal Power of Limitations, and Report Writing. FIT also enjoys a close relationship with the members of the New York City Police Department's 10th Precinct. Response calls from FIT are handled quickly and efficiently. The officers of the 10th Precinct are sensitive to students' needs and act accordingly when on campus.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Academic and Administrative Buildings

Along with a strong presence in the streets, Security personnel check all visitors for valid and current FIT identification cards at every building lobby. Individuals are not allowed into the facility without valid ID or unless they comply with visitor's procedures.

Security guards do not have the power to arrest and will call the NYC Police Department as necessary.

In addition to its presence in the lobbies, Security frequently inspects each building, floor by floor. This practice affords added safety to students, faculty, and staff. Security also utilizes sophisticated electronic equipment on a 24-hour-per-day, seven-day-per-week basis to videotape all entries into residence halls and academic buildings.

Residence Halls

Each residence hall is staffed by Security personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week, when students are in residence. Personnel are trained to adhere to strict visitation policies regarding entrance into the halls and other academic buildings. Supervisors routinely inspect and monitor individual security post assignments over the course of each shift to ensure that policies and procedures are followed. Security works closely with members of Residential Life, who are also on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Students may bring visitors to their rooms but they must first comply with the college's visitation policies. The visitor must be properly signed in and must have a valid photo ID that is left with the lobby security personnel until departure.

West 27th Street

FIT's midtown Manhattan location is a busy one. To enhance safety, a gate is used to close 27th Street to regular vehicular traffic from 7 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, and speed bumps are located on the street to slow all permitted vehicular traffic. These conditions allow students to cross from academic buildings to their residences as safely as possible without having to worry about heavy midtown traffic.

Emergency Telephones

The college has installed red emergency telephones and intercoms in all facilities and residence halls. The moment any red emergency phone is removed from the cradle, or any red intercom call button is pressed, Security can identify the caller's place of origin and dispatch personnel immediately to the scene.

Timely Warnings

The president of FIT has established a President's Cabinet communications protocol for timely notification to the college community of a serious incident when warranted. The emergency response protocols and procedures are listed by event in the Crisis Management and Disaster Preparedness Plan. Depending on the situation the college will communicate with the FIT community through its FIT email address, N.Y. Alert, text messaging, the public address system, postings on the college's website, and the college's emergency phone line, 212.217.7792.

Fire Safety

Working closely with Security are on-site maintenance engineers proficient in fire alarm systems. In the event of a fire or fire alarm activation, Security and maintenance personnel respond to the scene. FIT has a fire evacuation plan as well as evacuation plans for other emergencies. It is the responsibility of all FIT personnel, working together, to quickly and safely evacuate students from any area where the threat of fire or smoke may exist. The actual fighting of any fire on campus is left to the New York City Fire Department. If you hear the fire alarm sounding, you must leave the building. DO NOT CALL SECURITY.

Residence halls are protected by fire detection systems, in addition to having sprinkler systems in every room. The halls are routinely inspected to ensure that fire extinguishers and fire hoses are in their proper locations. Residential Life staff are briefed each semester on fire safety procedures. Residents are instructed regarding fire safety procedures and specific items that are banned from the residence halls (e.g., halogen lamps). Evacuation drills are conducted regularly. The college imposes fines and can evict students from residence halls for serious or multiple violations of fire safety policies.

Automatic Teller Machine

Sterling Bank, in cooperation with FIT, maintains an ATM in the lobby of the Marvin Feldman Center, for the convenience of the FIT community. The ATM is in a secure, well-lit lobby that is staffed 24 hours per day, seven days per week by Security.

Kaufman Shuttle

Students needing to go back and forth from Kaufman Hall, FIT's residence hall located at 406 West 31st Street, to the main campus during the evening hours can use the Kaufman Shuttle. From 8 pm to 5 am daily, students can request that Security shuttle them to Kaufman Hall. From a meeting point in front of the Marvin Feldman Center, the Kaufman Shuttle proceeds west to Eighth Avenue, then north to 31st Street.

Lost and Found

To assist students in recovering lost or stolen property, Security maintains a lost and found area in Room D442. Many personal items are found and brought to the Security office for safekeeping. If the owner can be determined, the person will be contacted to retrieve the property. Unclaimed personal property is kept for 30 days before it is destroyed, discarded, or donated to charitable organizations in the area.

It is advisable to contact Security as soon as personal property is discovered missing. Inquiries concerning lost or stolen property can be made at any time. Although it is preferable that items be retrieved during normal business hours (8 am to 11 pm), other arrangements can be made.

Sex Offender Registration

In conjunction with the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000 and Article 6-G of New York's Sex Offender Registration Act, a statewide list of registered sex offenders is provided at criminaljustice.state.ny.us as a service to the community.

STUDENT SERVICES

Counseling Center

Regularly sponsored programs by the Counseling Center (212.217.4260) help heighten students' alertness to the realities of crime and their vulnerability in a dense urban campus environment. The Counseling Center provides ongoing confidential crisis intervention, short-term counseling, advocacy, and referrals to carefully selected community resources that provide specialized or extended treatment to students who have been victimized by crime. Whenever necessary, Counseling Center staff members will provide timely, on-site emergency assistance to students. Regular services are provided throughout the year. The Counseling Center is located on the 2nd floor of the David Dubinsky Student Center, Room A212B.

Health Services

Health Services (212.217.4190) is staffed by doctors, registered nurses, and licensed nurse practitioners. It operates as an ambulatory care unit and can handle most medical emergencies occurring on campus.

Health Services is located on the 4th floor of the David Dubinsky Student Center, Room A402, and is open daily. When a member of the community is sick or injured, Security responds with a wheelchair to transport the injured or sick person to Health Services. In cases of severe injury, EMS is called and the person may, if it is appropriate, be taken to an area hospital.

RELATED COLLEGE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Residence Halls Policies and Procedures

When you sign your housing contract and move into the residence halls, you agree to be obligated under the terms and conditions of this contract. Residents are responsible for their actions and will be held accountable. Please review all rules and regulations carefully.

Each facility has 24-hour security coverage, with a guard posted in each lobby. Guards are responsible for checking identification of all individuals who enter the building. They cannot sign guests in or out for residents; this is the responsibility of the resident.

FIT encourages students to act independently and maturely while in residence. Policies and procedures are established to outline standards by which all members of the community can live together, and to ensure that residents' rights are not violated. FIT is committed to protecting individual rights as well as the rights of all community members.

When policy violations occur, an incident report will be written to document the situation. Penalties will be automatically imposed for infractions that are clearly noted in the Resident Contract and/or Resident Handbook.

Missing Student Policy

Students residing in the residence halls have the option to register a confidential contact person (as opposed to an emergency contact person) to be notified in case that the student is determined to be missing, with access given only to authorized campus officials and law enforcement officers in furtherance of an investigation.

This information is part of the housing application that students fill out when they apply for on campus housing.

The parents of all unemancipated students under 18 years of age will be informed if they are determined to be missing for 24 hours.

The college will notify law enforcement for all students if they are determined to be missing for 24 hours.

The protocol and procedures to be followed when a student is determined to be missing are listed in the college's Crisis Management and Disaster Preparedness Plan. The lead administrator for the Missing Student Protocol is the vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Success.

Substance Abuse Policy

FIT is committed to a drug-free environment in accordance with current statutory provisions. Unlawful manufacture, possession, distribution, dispensation, sale, or use of controlled substances (illegal drugs) on the campus is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Alcoholic beverages cannot be brought onto or consumed on the premises except in connection with authorized college events. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be served to any student. The college strictly enforces these policies. Violators are subject to dismissal and/or arrest.

Sexual Assault Prevention Policy

FIT has programs in place to protect all members of the college community from sexual assault, including programs for prevention and prosecution of these crimes within the

jurisdiction of the college. Sexual offenses in any form will not be tolerated at FIT, and the college vigorously enforces its policies and applicable laws. Documented violations can result in a wide range of disciplinary action, including permanent expulsion from the college.

Sexual Assault Definitions

New York State Penal Law contains the following legal provisions defining the crimes related to sexual assault:

Section 130.20 — Sexual Misconduct

This offense includes sexual intercourse without consent and deviant sexual intercourse without consent. The penalty for violation of this section includes imprisonment for a definite period to be fixed by the court up to one year.

Section 130.25/30/35 — Rape

This series of offenses includes sexual intercourse with a person incapable of consent because of the use of forcible compulsion or because the person is incapable of consent due to a mental defect, mental incapacity, or physical helplessness. This series of offenses further includes sexual intercourse with a person under the age of consent. The penalties for violation of these sections range from imprisonment for a period not to exceed four years up to imprisonment for a period not to exceed 25 years.

Section 130.40/45/50 — Criminal Sexual Act

This series of offenses includes oral or anal sexual conduct with a person incapable of consent because of the use of forcible compulsion or because the person is incapable of consent due to mental defect, mental incapacity, or physical helplessness. This series of offenses further includes oral or anal sexual conduct with a person under the age of consent. The penalties for violation of these sections range from imprisonment for a period not to exceed four years up to imprisonment for a period not to exceed 25 years.

Section 130.52 — Forcible Touching

This offense involves the forcible touching of the sexual or other intimate parts of another person for the purpose of degrading or abusing such person; or for the purpose of gratifying the actor's sexual desire. Forcible touching includes the squeezing, grabbing, or pinching of such other person's sexual or other intimate parts. The penalty for violation of this section includes imprisonment for a period of up to one year in jail.

Section 130.55/60/65 — Sexual Abuse

This series of offenses includes sexual contact with a person by forcible compulsion, or with a person who is incapable of consent due to physical helplessness, or due to the person being under the age of consent. The penalties for violation of these sections range from imprisonment for a period not to exceed three months up to imprisonment for a period not to exceed seven years.

Section 130.65-a/66/67/70 — Aggravated Sexual Abuse

This series of offenses occurs when a person inserts a finger or a foreign object in the vagina, urethra, penis, or rectum of another person by forcible compulsion, when the other person is incapable of consent by reason of being physically helpless, or when the other person is under the age of consent. The level of this offense is enhanced if the insertion of a finger or foreign object causes injury to the other person. The penalties for violation of these sections range from imprisonment for a period not to exceed seven years up to imprisonment for a period not to exceed 25 years.

Remember, assaults—sexual or otherwise—are crimes; they are not the victim's fault. Victims have the right to pursue adjudication of crimes that occur on the FIT campus through criminal courts and/or through the college's internal disciplinary process (under the Campus Code of Conduct).

Reporting Procedures

If you are a victim of a rape or sexual assault, it is recommended that you seek medical attention immediately. Call Security or, if the rape occurs off campus, call the local police at 911. Security personnel can provide you with transportation to the hospital, and a trained professional will accompany you there.

It is suggested that, before reporting a rape or sexual assault, you DO NOT:

- bathe or douche;
- change clothing, comb your hair, or brush your teeth; or
- disturb the room or other area in which the crime occurred.

Those actions may destroy physical evidence that may be necessary to convict the attacker.

By reporting the assault immediately and preserving evidence, you will have the foundation for future prosecution.

Reporting the offense to Security or other police agencies does not obligate you to press charges, and your name will not be released to the news media by FIT. Reporting the assault does not mean you must prosecute, but the report may help authorities identify the offender and prevent the victimization of other people.

Confidentiality

FIT will protect the confidentiality of assault allegations to the extent possible. FIT cannot guarantee complete confidentiality, since it may not be able to conduct an effective investigation without revealing certain information to the accused or to potential witnesses. Information will be shared only with those who need to know. All related records are kept confidential on the same basis.

Security Response Procedures

Sexual assaults, including date/acquaintance rape, are a very serious concern to Security. If you feel you are the victim of a sexual assault on campus, Security personnel will do the following:

- Meet with you privately at a place of your choice to take a complaint report.
- Do its best to accommodate your wish to speak to either a male or female officer.
- Not release your name to the public or to the press.
- Treat you and your case with courtesy, sensitivity, dignity, understanding, and professionalism.
- Assist you in arranging for hospital treatment or other medical care.
- Assist you in privately contacting a counselor and other available resources.
- Fully investigate your case. This may lead to the arrest and full prosecution of a suspect. You will be kept up to date on the progress of the investigation and prosecution.
- Continue to be available for you to answer your questions and to explain the systems and processes involved (prosecutor, courts, etc.).
- Consider your case carefully, regardless of your gender.

Remember, sexual assault is a crime committed against you, not by you. Do not blame yourself. Sexual assault is a traumatic experience and it is recommended that victims seek counseling, which is available through the Counseling Center.

Disciplinary Action

Where there is probable cause to believe the college's regulations prohibiting sexual misconduct have been violated, the college will pursue strong disciplinary action through its own channels. This discipline includes the possibility of suspension or dismissal from the college.

An individual charged with sexual misconduct will be subject to college disciplinary procedures, whether or not prosecution under the New York State Criminal Statutes is pending.

The college will make every effort to be responsive and sensitive to the victims of these serious crimes. Protection of the victim and prevention of continued trauma is the college's priority. When the victim and the accused live in the same residence hall, an immediate hearing with the resident counselor will be held to determine the need for modifying the living arrangements.

Assistance for any other personal or academic concerns will be reviewed and options provided.

During the disciplinary process, the victim's rights are:

- to have a person or persons of the victim's choice accompany the victim throughout the disciplinary hearing;
- to be present during the entire proceeding;
- As established in state criminal codes, to be assured that the victim's irrelevant past sexual history will not be discussed during the hearing;
- to make a "victim impact statement" and to suggest an appropriate penalty if the accused is found in violation of the code; and
- to be informed immediately of the outcome of the hearing.

During the disciplinary process, the rights of the accused are as describes under Judicial Procedures in the Rights and Responsibilities Policy manual, which is available at fitnyc.edu.

Information and Support

If you are the victim of sexual assault or sexual misconduct, you may seek support from Health Services, 212 217.4190, and the Counseling Center, 212 217.4260.

Educational Programs

Educational programs to promote awareness of rape and sex offenses are presented regularly to the FIT community by the Counseling Center, Health Services, Residential Life, Security, and Student Life.

Prevention

- Let others know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Walk with confidence and alertness. Assailants are less likely to target a person who appears assertive and difficult to intimidate.
- Report suspicious persons immediately to Security.
- Use the red emergency telephones that are provided throughout the campus.

Acquaintance Rape

- Most acquaintance rapes involve alcohol and/or drugs. Both men and women should avoid drugs and excessive alcohol in a dating situation.
- Don't allow your judgment to become impaired.

Women: Alternatives to Vulnerability

- Be aware that more than 60 percent of all reported rapes occur between acquaintances and four out of every ten rapes occur in the home.
- Conduct first dates in public places and in groups.
- Communicate your sexual limits clearly.
- Don't send mixed messages.
- Remember that leaving a party or other social event with someone you have just met can be dangerous.

Men: Appropriate Behavior

- Never force, pressure, or coerce anyone to have sex.
- Don't take silence as consent.
- Respect the word "no."
- Don't have sex with anyone who is intoxicated.
- Be aware that having intercourse with someone who is unable to give consent or is physically helpless is rape.

Bias Crime Prevention Policy

It is Security's mandate to protect all members of the FIT community by preventing and prosecuting bias or hate crimes that occur within the campus's jurisdiction.

Hate crimes, also called bias crimes or bias-related crimes, are criminal activities motivated by bias or attitude against an individual or group based on perceived or actual personal characteristics, such as race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. Hate/bias crimes have received renewed attention in recent years, particularly since the passage of the federal Hate/Bias Crime Reporting Act of 1990 and the New York State Hate Crimes Act of 2000 (Penal Law Article 485). In 2008, the Clery Act was amended to include larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, and destruction/damage/vandalism or property (except arson) as reportable categories of hate crimes. Copies of the New York law are available from Security in Room D442.

Penalties for bias-related crimes are very serious and range from fines to imprisonment for lengthy periods, depending on the nature of the underlying criminal offense, the use of violence, or previous convictions of the offender. Perpetrators who are students will also be subject to campus disciplinary procedures, which may result in sanctions including dismissal.

In addition to preventing and prosecuting hate/bias crimes, Security assists in addressing bias-related activities that do not rise to the level of a crime.

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These activities, referred to as bias incidents and defined by the college as acts of bigotry, harassment, or intimidation directed at a member or group within the FIT community based on national origin, ethnicity, race, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, color, creed, or marital status, may be addressed through FIT's Campus Code of Conduct. Bias incidents can be reported to Security as well as to Human Resources, located at 236 West 27th Street, 11th floor.

If you are a victim of or witness to a hate/bias crime on campus, report it to the New York City Police Department by calling 911, or to Security by calling 212 217.7777, using a red campus emergency telephone, or going to Room D442. Security will investigate and follow the appropriate adjudication procedures.

Victims of bias crime or bias incidents can avail themselves of counseling and support services from Health Services, the Counseling Center, and the Office of Enrollment Management and Student Success.

CRIME STATISTICS

At FIT, the safety and well-being of students, faculty, staff, and visitors are of paramount importance. A safe and secure environment can only be achieved through the cooperation of all members of the college community. FIT accepts the responsibility of providing a campus environment that is free from threats to personal safety and enhances the educational process. Students and their parents expect the college campus to be safe, and everybody shares in the responsibility to keep it safe. In addition, FIT upholds the right of students and staff to know of incidents that occur on campus and the measures taken to promote precautions and swift responses to crises.

The Campus Security Act of 1990 requires all post-secondary institutions receiving federal aid to provide their communities with an annual report about crime statistics and policies. These statistics reflect incidents that were reported, whether or not those reports were ever confirmed. The fact that an incident was reported, and is included in statistics, does not mean that the incident actually occurred, or that, if it occurred, it was a criminal offense.

The categories for which we report these statistics are also required by law. For purposes of these statistics, "on campus" means FIT academic buildings and property including Residence Halls located at 210, 220, and 230 West 27th Street and storefront classrooms at 236 West 27th Street, excluding the 31st Street Residence Hall (Kaufman Hall).

"Non-campus" refers to Kaufman Hall, located at 406 West 31st Street between Ninth and Tenth avenues. "Public property" means the public property that is immediately adjacent to the campus, or that is within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from FIT; this includes public parking lots and the sidewalks and roadbeds of West 27th and 28th streets between Seventh and Eighth avenues, the sidewalks and roadbed of Seventh Avenue between 26th and 28th streets, and the sidewalks and roadbed of Eighth Avenue between 27th and 28th streets. Incidents reported as having occurred in or on one of those public properties are not included in the statistics for incidents reported to have occurred "on campus." Incidents occurring on contiguous streets surrounding FIT's facilities are included to the extent that statistics are available from the New York City Police Department, 10th and 13th Precinct.

Please direct all inquiries to Security at 212 217.7777. Information can also be obtained from the U.S. Department of Education website at ope.ed.gov/security.

FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY CRIME STATISTICS 2010

Offense	On Campus		Includes Residence Halls		NonCampus		Kaufman Hall - 31st St		Public Property	
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Forecible Sex Offense	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	
Non-Forcible Sex Offense	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Robbery	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	3	
Burglary	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Arrests*	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Weapons Law Violations	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Referrals for Campus Disciplinary Action										
Liquor Law Violations	5	17	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	
Drug Law Violations	5	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Weapons Law Violations	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Hate Crimes**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

* The Act was amended in 1998 to include not only the reporting of drug, alcohol, and weapons violations which resulted in arrests, but also disciplinary referrals.

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REPORTED FIRES FOR 2010 BY BUILDING LOCATION FOR ON-CAMPUS AND NON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALLS

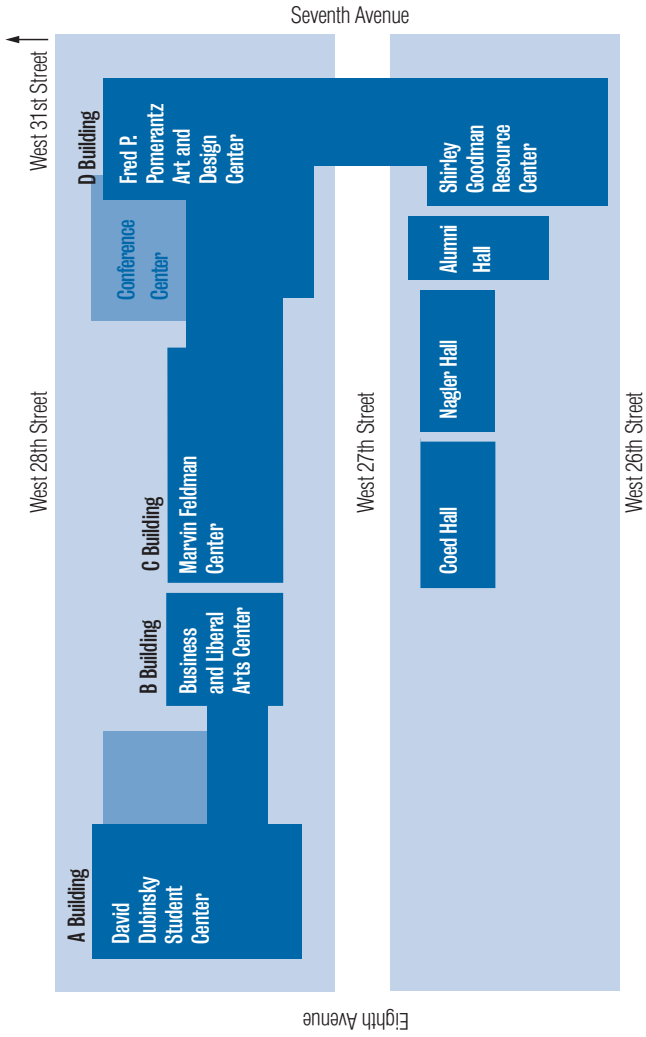
REPORTED FIRES FOR 2010 BY BUILDING LOCATION FOR ON-CAMPUS AND NON-CAMPUS DORMS

On Campus Residence	Alumni	Nagler	Coed	Kaufman	Total
Total Fires	0	0	0	1	1
Fire Number				1	n/a
Date				9/4/10	n/a
Time				0008HRS	n/a
Cause of Fire				open flame	n/a
# of Injuries				1	1
# of Deaths				0	0
Property Damage				\$1200	\$1200
Case Number				63404/10	n/a

2010 FIRE SAFETY AMMENITIES BY BUILDING LOCATION FOR ON-CAMPUS AND NON-CAMPUS DORMS

On Campus Residence	Alumni	Nagler	Coed	Kaufman	Total
Fire Alarms Monitored by Security	yes	yes	yes	yes	n/a
Building Equipped with Partial Sprinkler System	yes	yes	yes	yes	n/a
Evacuation Plans Posted	yes	yes	yes	yes	n/a
Fire Safety Training Conducted	yes	yes	yes	yes	n/a
Number of Evacuation Drills Conducted	1	1	1	1	4

CAMPUS MAP



Phone Numbers

Security, Room D442	212 217.7777
Counseling Center, Room A212B	212 217.4260
Health Services, Room A402	212 217.4190
Residential Life, 210 West 27 Street	212 217.3900
406 West 31 Street	212 217.3930
Enrollment Management and Student Success, Room B221	212 217.3800

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