

# Bais Hamedrash and Mesivta of Baltimore

## CAMPUS SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY PROCEDURES

2022

**(A) Campus crime reporting procedures:** Any student or employee who observes a crime should immediately notify the nearest police station located at 215 Milford Mill Road, Pikesville, MD 21208. Their phone number is (410) 887-1279. 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 in the building 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 Rabbi Chaim Cohen who serves as a liaison with 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 Maryland Counseling Network. Their phone number is 410-764-2029.

**(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 required to participate in the time-to-time presentations by the police department and other recognized public safety authorities. Students are expected to observe rudimentary precautions, such as traveling in groups after dark and in high crime areas.

**(H) Policy regarding police monitoring of crime at recognized off-campus organizations:** There are no authorized off-campus organizations.

**(I) Substance abuse policy:** See attached Drug and Alcohol policy.

**(J) Campus policy regarding sexual assault:** Bais Hamedrash and Mesivta of Baltimore 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 sex offenses.

In the event of a sex offense, students are urged to contact the police immediately. The nearest police station is located at 215 Milford Mill Road Pikesville, MD 21208. Their phone number is (410) 887-1279.

If a student does not feel comfortable contacting the police directly, he may do so indirectly through the school's police liaison, Rabbi Chaim Cohen.

Should such an assault occur, it is important for the student to preserve all evidence as proof of a criminal offense.

Confidential counseling for victims of sex offenses is available through the Maryland Counseling Network. Their phone number is 410-764-2029.

Bais Hamedrash and Mesivta of Baltimore 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, both the accuser and the accused will be called before a disciplinary committee headed by the Dean. 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 sex offense.

Any student who is found guilty of a sex offense, 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.

**(K) Emergency evacuation procedures:** An internal alarm, separate from the fire alarm, will be used for emergencies to notify students of an emergency situation and to provide timely warning. This alarm sounds throughout the entire building, classrooms, study area and restrooms. Students are instructed to evacuate the premises and meet at the designated emergency evacuation site upon hearing the alarm.

**(L) Other emergency procedures:** If an emergency or threat requires that students remain in the building and that the building remain securely locked, Lockdown Procedures will go into affect securing the building and students from any outside threat.

**(M) Fire Safety Procedures and Fire Statistics:** 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.

## **FIRE STATISTICS: 2019 – 2021**

For distribution to students and employees

	<u>2019/2020/2021</u>		
Number of Fires	0	0	0
Location of fire	NA	NA	NA
Cause of fire	NA	NA	NA
Damage to persons or property	NA	NA	NA