

CAMPUS SECURITY ACT REPORT

FALL 2009 -- UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS – BERNARDI CAMPUS

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2009 Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Report

This document complies with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998 (formerly the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990). This document is a component of the Minneapolis and St. Paul campus crime report. All definitions and policies not addressed within this subsection apply to this report.

INTRODUCTION

The UST Rome Campus considers the safety of its students, university employees and guests in the same way the home campus does. The primary goal of the Rome Campus is to provide an environment that is both conducive to learning and safe for its community members. A community such as this can only be safe if all of its members share in this responsibility. The Bernardi Campus provides the opportunity for safety by working closely with the Prati Questura (local police), coordinated efforts of a well-trained and seasoned director and his staff, and through the active participation of its students.

BERNARDI CAMPUS

The University of St. Thomas Bernardi Campus is located on the west bank of the Tiber River at *Lungotevere delle Armi* in Rome, Italy. Purchased by St. Thomas in 1999, the Bernardi Campus provides housing to St. Thomas students and others participating in academic and summer programs and offers accommodations for overnight guests.

Situated in the heart of the modern Prati section of Rome, the campus is near both the center of Rome and Vatican City. Originally built as a private home in 1923, the building was purchased by an order of Spanish nuns in the 1950s. In 1999 the University restored and modernized the building with contemporary furnishings and spacious sleeping rooms.

Facilities

The Bernardi campus can house a maximum of fifty people (students, guests and staff included). The 17 student rooms on two residential floors (8 male, 9 female), including 3 triples, 9 doubles and 5 singles, can accommodate a maximum of 32 students. In addition to the student rooms, the Bernardi Campus maintains two staff apartments and four guestrooms for faculty, visiting scholars, guests of the university, friends and families of the students. Two television lounges may be converted to two additional double occupancy rooms if necessary.

A fully functional basement floor provides a computer lab, kitchen, dining room, and laundry facilities. The main floor offers a chapel, guest room, and salotto (sitting room), in addition to the director's main office. Adjacent to the fourth floor is a rooftop terrace.

Guests (non-students) make room reservations through the Bernardi campus director, and must be a known UST community member or sponsored by one. Because the Bernardi Campus

makes such arrangements and does not offer hotel-style reservations to the general public, a higher level of security is maintained on campus.

Building Hours

Sunday – Thursday Building is locked at 11:30 p.m.

Friday – Saturday Building is locked at 2 a.m.

For security and safety purposes, specific public areas in the building, such as the rooftop terrace, kitchen, dining room, laundry room and front office, are closed and locked after certain hours in the evening or at the discretion of the Bernardi staff.

Bernardi Staff

The Bernardi campus director serves as the primary supervisor for campus operations. The director supervises and works directly with the facilities manager, two front office staff and two housekeeping staff.

A chaplain assigned by the Archdiocese of St. Paul is available for pastoral counseling to the Bernardi residents.

There is a staff member at the front office every day during office hours to assist with local information, directions, and to answer any questions.

POLICE PROTECTION

The Bernardi Campus is situated within the Prati section of Rome, a mostly residential community within the XVII Municipio (similar to a police precinct). The Rome Questura (police) provide active patrol in the area, and are headquartered only a few blocks from campus at Via Ruffini, 1 (Telephone: 06.328.071). While Questura presence in Prati and all other areas of Rome is both conspicuous and comforting, Bernardi Campus students, staff and guests need to follow crime prevention logic and take common sense precautions to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime.

In addition to normal police protection, the Bernardi Campus Director has fostered and continues to maintain a positive working relationship with the Prati Questura inspector. This working relationship advances the likelihood that Bernardi Campus community members begin their Rome experience as seamlessly as possible. The director and Inspector ensure that students, faculty, staff and guests have followed visitor registration requirements and have been given appropriate crime prevention information. Additionally, should issues with war, terrorism or homeland security become a concern, the director and inspector will provide relevant information and current updates.

Crime statistics supplied at the close of this document are provided by the Rome Questura in conjunction with the efforts of the UST Campus Security Survey Administrator (currently the Public Safety Associate Director/Manager of Investigations), the Bernardi Campus Director, and other campus security authorities (primarily the building manager).

As one might imagine, the crime definitions provided in this document may be quite different from those found in Italy. All efforts have been made by the Campus Security Survey Administrator and the Bernardi Director to ensure that definitions are properly translated and scored for reporting purposes.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Students are provided two opportunities to receive critical information: during an orientation on the main campus and on-site at the Bernardi Campus during their first few days in Rome. As part of this orientation, students receive several documents and a wallet-sized card that include emergency and other important telephone numbers. Students are advised to alert the Bernardi Campus director or facilities manager of any suspicious persons or activities in and around campus.

The prefix for all Rome telephone numbers is 06, except cell phone and emergency numbers. The country code for incoming international calls is 39.

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For emergency situations, residents may dial "9" from any phone in the residence to contact the person on duty or the person on call if it is after hours. Front office hours vary and they are posted on the front office door. To get an outside line, residents must dial a personal code and then dial "0". The personal code allows staff to track calls, which are charged directly to the student's account each month. Students are encouraged to use a prepaid phone card for expensive long distance calls.

United States Government sites:

U.S. State department: <http://www.travel.state.gov/acs.html>

U.S. Embassy: <http://www.usembassy.it>

Bernardi Campus from the USA 011+39 06.3260.0548

International Student Services (651) 962-6650

To report a crime to Public Safety (651) 962-5100

Angelicum (main line): 06.670.21

Casa Santa Maria: 06.690.011

North American College: 06 684.931

American Embassy: 06.467.41 (Via Veneto # 119/a, www.usembassy.it)

Alitalia: 06.656.42

USAirways: 84.881.3177

Continental: 06.660.53030

Delta Airlines: 800.477.999

KLM/Northwest 800.877.318

AT&T 800.172.444

Prefix to call the United States from Italy: 001 + area code + number

Prefix to call Rome from the United States: 011+39-06+number

(39 is the country code, 06 is the city code)

Security at Bernardi Campus

Overseeing campus security at the Bernardi campus are the Rome campus director and the facilities manager. The director and facilities manager are full-time live in staff members, and they can be contacted at the telephone numbers above, or by e-mail at:

tjzyngas@stthomas.edu
nunzioremo.difulvio@stthomasrome.it

Non-Campus Area Classroom Facilities remote from the Bernardi Campus

UST does not hold or schedule traditional classes at the Bernardi campus. The International Education Center and Catholic Studies department arrange classes at the following location:

The Angelicum (Pontificia Universita San Tommaso D' Aquino Angelicum)

Largo Angelicum 1 – 00184 Rome

Tel. 06.6702.354

Fax 06.6790.407

www.angelicum.org

Classroom space is arranged through the above-mentioned UST departments, and is used solely for educational purposes. The Angelicum is a Dominican university that functions with regular staff to maintain building and student safety.

In conjunction with the requirements of this document, staff at the Bernardi Campus reported that they know of no UST student, faculty, staff or guest being victimized at either of these non-campus sites since the campus opened in 2000.

Student Code of Conduct

Students are referred to the Student Life Policy Book and Resident Student Handbook for policies, procedures and rules at the University of St. Thomas, including those for living on campus.

The Bernardi Campus Guidebook offers specific information as it applies to Bernardi residents only. Each student is responsible for reading these guidebooks and for signing the *Terms of Agreement and Conditions of Occupancy*. Each of these documents are provided prior to or upon moving into the Bernardi Campus.

Additionally, students are expected to respect and follow the Acceptable Use Policy regarding the use of data services for academic purposes only.

Policies on Alcohol Consumption and Illegal Drug Use

Possession or consumption of alcohol beverages or controlled substances (illicit drugs) on campus is strictly prohibited, except when alcohol is served as part of a hosted meal or special event organized by staff.

The Questura enforce all Rome laws while the Bernardi campus director and designated campus security authorities will enforce university policies concerning the unlawful or unauthorized manufacture, distribution, dispensation, purchase, possession, consumption, sale, storage or use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances (illegal drugs). Students face the potential for dual enforcement if Rome laws and UST student policies are violated at the same time.

Even though individuals may legally buy, possess and drink alcoholic beverages in Rome, UST students attending programs coordinated through International Education, Catholic Studies and the Bernardi campus agree to abide by university policy and procedure as described above, and as they apply to living on campus. Convictions for violations of these laws could result in fines and/or imprisonment. University sanctions could include penalties ranging from fines to suspension from the university.

Many physical and psychological health risks are associated with the abuse of alcohol and other substances, including the following:

- difficulty with attention and learning
- physical and psychological dependence
- damage to the brain, liver and heart
- unwanted sexual activity
- accidents due to impaired judgment and coordination

Staff members at the Bernardi campus, UST Health Services and the UST Personal Counseling office can provide additional information about these concerns. More complete information on UST's substance abuse policy can be found in the section on "University Policies."

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed inside the Bernardi Campus. Smoking is permitted in the courtyard and on the rooftop terrace.

Emergencies Involving Students

Students involved in a medical emergency who need immediate treatment should go to the PRONTO SOCCORSO (emergency ward) at Hospital San Giacomo, Via Canova, telephone 06-36261 (off Via del Corso). Depending on the situation, call a taxi or ambulance (118).

UST students at the Bernardi campus can maintain contact with the home campus of UST while away (through phone, fax and e-mail). At a student's disposal are the normal services on campus, including the UST counseling center. Additionally, the director and facilities manager have ready access to similar counseling services in Rome.

Missing Student

If a member of the Bernardi campus community has reason to believe that a UST student is missing, whether or not the student resides in-house, all possible efforts are made to locate the student to determine his or her state of health and well-being through the collaboration of the Prati Questura, the Bernardi campus director, the International Education Center, or the Catholic Studies department.

If necessary, and if the student is a Bernardi campus resident, the Prati Questura will be given immediate authorization from the campus director to make a welfare entry into that student's room. University officials will endeavor to determine the student's whereabouts through contact with friends, associates, and/or employers of the student. Whether or not the student has been attending classes, labs, recitals, and scheduled organizational or academic meetings will be established.

If located, verification of the student's state of health and intention of returning to the campus is made. When and where appropriate (if the need is determined) a referral will be made to contracted professional counselor(s) and/or medical practitioners. If not located, family notification will be made within 24 hours of receiving the initial report to determine if they know the whereabouts of the student.

Bernardi campus officials will cooperate, aid, and assist the primary investigative agency in all ways prescribed by prevailing law. The Bernardi campus director will remain at the disposal and cooperate thoroughly with the official investigation by the primary investigative unit.

All pertinent law enforcement agencies will be notified through direct telephone contact or visit and asked to render assistance. Upon closure of the investigation, all parties previously contacted will be advised of the status of the case.

Prevention Efforts

Students are informed, at their first orientation session, of policies outlined in this document. Students are reminded of their responsibilities in maintaining a safe and secure building and premises. Students are also informed that no previous crimes on the Bernardi campus premises have been reported since UST purchased the property.

Bernardi campus managers work closely with the Prati Questura, and ask for site visits, where appropriate, to obtain advice about making the premises more secure. Security evaluations are also routinely performed by the director and facilities manager.

GENERAL SECURITY PROCEDURES

Students are made aware from their first day in Rome that no one is to be admitted into the Bernardi campus unless those persons are personally known to them or have been met by the director or facilities manager. Officially, these resident managers are asked to be on duty during the normal working hours (9 a.m. - 5 p.m., weekdays). However, as the managers live on premises, students are likely to find them nearly any time of day or night.

The health and well-being of all students is a primary responsibility for the director and facilities manager. Students participate in orientation sessions before their Rome semester and during their first few days in Rome. During this time, security issues, Rome law, emergency procedures and the rules and regulations as outlined in this document are thoroughly discussed. Much of this information is included in handbooks prepared for the students and the attending faculty.

Crime Log Information

The Bernardi campus community is kept aware of reported incidents on site and in the surrounding area. Staff will make the crime log for the most recent 60 day period open to public inspection during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, except holidays when the school is closed). Any portion of the log beyond 60 days, if not immediately available, will be made accessible within two business days of a request for public inspection.

Timely Warnings

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the Bernardi campus staff will provide immediate community notification by posting a notice on the message board at the base of the central staircase. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the Bernardi campus staff.

The Department of Public Safety may also post a notice on the campus-wide electronic bulletin board, providing the university community with more immediate notification for adverse events on the main (U.S.) campus. In such instances, a copy of the notice is posted on the message board at the base of the central staircase. The electronic bulletin board is immediately accessible via computer by all on-campus faculty, staff and students.

Students, faculty, staff and guests are all advised to alert Bernardi staff of any suspicious persons and/or activities both in and around campus.

Sex Offender Registry and Access to Related Information

Rome does not maintain a sex offender registry, and information about an individual's past criminal history is not made available to the general public. However, the UST Campus Life office housing contract provides for the cancellation of the housing contract of a known sex offender, or any other known convicted person, who is disruptive to the educational environment of the Bernardi campus.

Sexual Assault

Prevention, intervention and education programs specifically addressing rape, acquaintance rape and other sexual offenses are sponsored by a variety of organizations at UST, including Health Services and Personal Counseling.

If a sexual offense should occur, the victim should take the following actions:

- Go to a safe place.
- Call the Bernardi campus director no matter where the event occurred. The director will then contact the Questura, appropriate counseling professionals, or medical practitioners.
- Contact a friend or family member.
- Do not bathe or douche.
- Do not urinate, if possible.
- Do not eat, drink liquids, smoke or brush teeth if oral contact took place.
- Keep the clothes worn during the offense. If clothes are changed, place clothes in a paper bag (evidence deteriorates in plastic).
- Get prompt medical attention.
- Do not destroy the physical evidence that may be found in the vicinity of the crime. If the crime occurred in the victim's home, the victim should not clean or straighten until the police have had an opportunity to collect evidence.
- Tell someone all details remembered about the assault.
- Write down all details remembered as soon as possible.

Visitors, faculty and students living at the Bernardi campus are informed that they may report any incident to the staff of our local clinic and/or hospital, where provisions will be made to refer them to appropriate counseling and legal authorities.

Following an incident, victims are encouraged to make a report to local police. This action does not obligate prosecution, but it does make legal action possible if the decision to prosecute is made at a later date. The earlier an incident is reported, the easier it is to collect valuable evidence. Victims have the option of keeping their report of sexual assault in complete confidence, protecting their right to anonymity, if making a report through a professional or pastoral counselor.

University judicial action, criminal prosecution and civil suits are all options available to victims of sexual assault. To begin university judicial action, the counselor, police or victim should contact the university judicial officer. During campus judicial proceedings, both the victim and the accused may be present and may have a counselor, solicitor (attorney) and/or adviser present to provide support and advice. Both the victim and the accused will be informed of the results of the proceeding. Sanctions for sexual assault may range up to and include suspension or expulsion from UST.

Date Rape Drugs

Date rape drugs can be placed in any drink, not just alcohol. Effects may range from a feeling of well being and short term memory loss to an apparent aphrodisiac and intoxication effect. Serious adverse effects can occur such as seizures, insomnia, anxiety, nausea, dizziness, hallucinations, coma, even death. Some common side effects of these drugs include a drunken appearance, drowsiness, light-headedness, staggering, confusion, muscle relaxation and amnesia that lasts up to 24 hours.

If one suspects that they or someone they know has been drugged and/or assaulted, first go to a safe place, notify the Bernardi campus staff (or Questura if off campus), and then go to the PRONTO SOCCORSO (emergency room) for immediate treatment.

Resources for Support and Assistance

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PRIVATE DOCTORS (English speaking – they are expensive) and Hospitals

Dott. Susan Levenstein M.D.

Via della Fonte di Fauno, 22, telephone and fax: 06.578.0738, Consultation fee €40.00

Dott. Ettore Lollini M.D.

Salvator Mundi Hospital (private), Viale Mura Gianicolensi 67, Office hours 3-5:30 p.m,
Tel for appointment: 06.588.961, Consultation fee €45. Same day appointments are
sometimes possible.

Dr. Francis Spelar M.D.

(American doctor who lives in Rome and is recommended by the Consulate)

Via Ludovisi, 36

00187 Roma

Laboratorio: 06.488.4143 – 06.485.706 – Fax 06.4817221

Cell. 335.5329814

Home 06.808.3648

Dentist: **MALDONATO DI STEFANO SILVIA** 00192 Roma (RM) - VIA POMPEO
MAGNO 14 - tel: 06.3214649

Hospital near North American College

OSPEDALE BAMBIN GESU' (First aid – Emergency)

00165 Roma (RM) - PIAZZA DI S. ONOFRIO 4, tel: 06.68809736

Embassies can recommend English-speaking doctors. Consider MEDline, a 24-hour
home medical service that will send an English speaking doctor to your home (tel:
06.808.0995, 75 euros).

Everyone is entitled to free emergency treatment at public hospitals.

COUNSELOR (English speaking)

Maria Paterno Ph.D. (Clinical Psychology), Via Gianturco 6. Int. 5: tel. 06.324.1406, No
charge for initial sessions, confidential.

Trespass Policy

The university's trespass policy, enforced by the director and posted in all university
housing, is as follows:

Only those persons having legitimate business with the University of St. Thomas
Bernardi campus, members of the university community and their invited guests, are
permitted in this building. The university reserves the right to exclude all persons from
these premises who do not conform to acceptable behavior. Those who disregard this
warning are to be considered in violation of criminal trespass and are liable for
prosecution.

Firearms and dangerous weapons

Firearms and dangerous weapons of any type are not permitted on the Bernardi
Campus or other non-campus facilities, except when carried by law enforcement officers
within their respective jurisdiction. Intentional use, possession or sale of firearms or
other dangerous weapons by students is strictly forbidden and is a violation of
university policy as stated in the student handbook.

Access Control

The Bernardi campus is a gated campus with one main electronic card access gate. Each
resident is given a key card that opens the front gate, room, and assigned bathroom.
After hours, the card key will open the gate, but once the front doors are locked

residents will not be able to get in. Residents must carry their card key with them at all times. For security reasons, residents must always exercise caution and be sure the gate is closed tightly when coming or going.

Door Alarms

All Bernardi campus exterior doors have contact alarm sensors and operate on preset schedules as defined by the director.

Security Cameras

Security cameras are located on campus grounds and are, at appropriate times, recorded to magnetic media for investigative purposes.

Emergency Safety Lighting

Sufficient interior and exterior emergency safety lighting exists at the Bernardi campus, and may be set on a timed schedule for security measures. Emergency egress lighting exists in hallway areas and near doors in the event of a fire.

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are conveniently located throughout the Bernardi campus and are regularly tested and maintained.

Entry to Campus after Building Is Closed

If a student will be absent from campus overnight, a written notification and a phone number where the student can be reached in case of emergency must be provided to the campus director at least 24 hours in advance. If students are expected to arrive on campus after building hours, they must make arrangements with the campus director at least 24 in advance. Violation of the building hours constitutes disorderly conduct and disciplinary action will be taken.

Health and Safety Inspections

Due to the unique nature of the campus, health and safety inspections of all the rooms, bathrooms and student lounges will be conducted each semester. The director will notify students of these inspections at least four days in advance.

As always, residents should practice fire safety procedures. Extension cords, halogen lamps and candles are not allowed. If a room does not meet sufficient minimum standards of cleanliness or safety practices, citations will be issued to residents of the room, and they will be given 48 hours to respond and improve the situation. Failure to properly respond by cleaning and maintaining the room will result in a fine of \$50 posted on the student's account.

Maintenance

Requests for maintenance (equipment failures, bathroom problems, computer hardware issues, etc.) should be directed in writing to the facilities manager. Written suggestions or requests can be left at the front office; verbal requests should not be made, except in an emergency (i.e., water leak problems, etc.).

Phone Numbers

The telephone at the Bernardi campus is not answered 24 hours per day; switchboard hours are posted on the front office door. Residents should advise friends and relatives of the switchboard hours, and remind them of the time difference (Rome is seven hours

ahead of Central Standard Time). Staff is not responsible for locating students around the residence to accept incoming calls. Students may provide the director's cell phone number to parents for back-up emergency contact. This number should only be used if the campus number is not answered and the call is urgent.

PROCEDURES

TRAVEL NOTIFICATION

If students plan to travel outside the city and be away from the residence overnight, they must fill out a travel notification form (located in the front office or computer lab area) at least 24 hours in advance and turn it in to the director. This form includes name, destination, date of departure, date of return and contact information in case of emergency.

RESIDENTS' GUESTS

The host resident is responsible for the behavior and actions of their guest and anything that happens on campus. The host resident is responsible for making their guest aware of expected norms of conduct and the appropriate university and campus regulations. Visitors should not be allowed to move through the building unescorted.

Individual Responsibility

Although UST works hard to ensure the safety of all individuals within its community, students and employees must take responsibility for their own personal safety and that of their personal belongings. Simple common sense precautions are the most effective means of maintaining personal security.

Further information about campus safety can be obtained from the director of Public Safety at (651) 962-5189 in the U.S., as well as on the Public Safety web site: <http://www.stthomas.edu/psp/>. For more immediate and localized matters, such information may be secured from the Prati Questura through the Bernardi director.

How Students Can Have a Safe Stay at the Bernardi Campus

Following are important resources and information to assist students in making adjustments to a different culture and their stay in Rome a memorable and safe experience. Additional and more comprehensive information is located in the computer lab area.

TELEPHONE

Pay phones are located on streets and in most "bars" (Italian cafes); there will be a sign outside. Most public phones only accept telephone cards instead of coins. These cards are known as **Carte Telefoniche**, and are available at *Tabacchi* shops. Other types of prepaid calling cards, used for international calls, also are available at *Tabacchi* shops.

Another option is to buy a cellular phone, which can be purchased at any of the several *Vodafone* or *Tim* stores located around Rome. Cell phone come with a designated amount of minutes and can be used only to call within Italy.

TRANSPORTATION

Walking is one of the best ways to get around the center of the city and the Bernardi Campus neighborhood. A map and a compass are always helpful to have in your possession. Maps are available at tourist and newspaper stands and at the "Tourist

Information" stations (green color) located around the city near some of the most popular sites.

BY METRO

The Metro is Rome's subway; the stations are recognized by a red "M" logo.

There are two lines:

Line A, which runs east and west

Line B, which runs north and south.

Lines A and B intersect at Termini, the main train station. Hours of operation are 5:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

LINE A metro stops are located near Bernardi and school, with the nearest being the Lepanto stop.

BUSES

Buses stop at a *Fermata* (bus stop). Bus routes are clearly listed at the stops. Read the sign for the direction the bus travels; the stop where you are standing is printed in red in a rectangular box. The hours and days of operation for each route are listed at the bottom of the *Fermata* (some have different weekend hours or are only night buses).

Be aware of pickpockets, particularly in the metro and at Termini station

BLUE BUSES

You can travel to small towns that are not connected to the train system on a blue bus.

TAXIS

Always use official Comune di Roma metered cabs. There are gypsy cabs that will rip you off! To get an official one wait in line at a taxi stand. There is an extra surcharge in the evenings, on weekends, and for each piece of luggage. Radio taxi firms charge extra to send the cab. Cost to/from the Fiumicino Airport is about €40 -45.

Taxi: 06.321.7764, 06.3570, 06.5551 or 06.6645

AIRPORT TRAINS

Termini to Fiumicino departs from platform 22 (6:50 a.m.-9:22 p.m.). Tickets can be purchased at the platform for 9.50 euros.

Car from/to the airport (44 euros) - To request a car reservation please stop by the Bernardi Front Office during office hours.

TRAINS

Italy has an extensive rail system. Train fares are determined by the number of kilometers between the departure city and destination. In order to ride on a faster train, however, you must pay more and you must reserve your seat in advance. Before you board the train your ticket *must be stamped* in the yellow machine located at the front of the platform. For more information about the train system, visit www.trenitalia.com.

Medical Information

PAYMENT OF MEDICAL BILLS

Bills are paid at the time of service for doctors and hospitals. You may seek reimbursement through your insurance company.

ALL-NIGHT PHARMACY - Seven days / 24 hours

Farmacia Risorgimento, Piazza Risorgimento 44, tel. 06.372.2157

Piazza Barberini 49, tel. 06.482.5456, Line A to Barberini

SECURITY

For emergencies while traveling outside Rome, the International Student Identity has a 24-hour assistance number that you can call collect from any country. Carry your ISIC card at all times. The U.S. Department of State may issue public announcements concerning potential terrorist threats to Americans overseas. These announcements, along with instructions from the school, will be posted on the main bulletin board.

Department of State travel information is available at

<http://www.travel.state.gov/acs.html>.

In the event of a catastrophic event, call the following numbers to check-in, and for instructions:

- 1) Residence: 06.326.00548
- 2) Director's cell: 333.464.0946

3) Facilities Manager's cell: 338.275.4206

If there is no answer at the first number, call the second, etc. If you are calling from outside Italy, dial the 00-39 prefix.

PRECAUTIONS

Because of international terrorism, U.S. citizens overseas are advised to be alert and vigilant. When possible, avoid places where Americans are known to congregate. At the Bernardi Campus, make sure you keep the front gate closed, report suspicious people to the staff, and avoid talking to strangers about the school.

While violent crime is rare in Italy, you should always take normal precautions. Petty theft can be a problem:

- Be on the alert for pickpockets, and carry only a small amount of cash and as little else as you need.
- Pay attention to children who hang around sites popular with tourists. They may be adept pickpockets.
- Keep valuables in your front pockets, hold bags in front of you on buses, or use a security pouch.
- Say "no" firmly and hold your valuables if you are surrounded by a group of gypsy children.
- Purses and cameras can be snatched from you by people in moving vehicles - carry valuables on the building side of the street.
- Don't carry your passport except when traveling (carry a photocopy of your passport and original Permesso di Soggiorno).
- Make copies of all your documents and keep in a safe place.
- Don't leave valuables out at school or on campus.
- Lock sleeping compartment doors on trains.
- Walk away from trouble and keep a low profile.
- Don't go out at night unaccompanied, go out in a group.
- Never give out your Bernardi campus address to people you do not know well.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Report suspicious activity or unknown individuals hanging out outside the residence.

Normal Everyday Security

1. The number one rule is to have confidence! It is recommended that one should act like they belong in Rome. Students live there for a period of time, so they should not be mistaken for a tourist. It is recommended that students ask questions if they are lost, but not stand on a street corner with their map out and a confused look on their face. Projecting confidence, being comfortable, keeping one's shoulders back, and dressing up to the occasion or the area will go a long way to helping the student fit right in.

2. Students should know the phrases that will help one get around. They should ask directions of merchants, waiters, policemen, bus drivers and so on. If someone offers advice, students should thank them but do not accept an offer to be led to their destination.

3. It is safer to travel in groups. It is especially important for students to stick together after dark. However, in Rome it is okay to travel alone during the day, if one knows the area. One always should know their route!

4. Rome is not St. Paul! Again, knowing where one is going is recommended. One should not leave things unattended. One should not be obvious with money, cameras, expensive iPods, etc. One should not use ATMs in lonely and poorly lighted areas after dark. The main places

where people can be robbed are in metro stations, crowded streets and open markets. Generally, vagrants and gypsies are harmless, but one should be on guard. Muggings are very, very rare, but again, pick-pocketing and purse-lifting have been honed to a fine art and can be commonplace. So, one should keep track of purses and wallets. One should never leave them on a café table or bench, and should always hang on to them securely while on public transport. A pouch worn beneath a blouse or shirt is recommended, especially when traveling at night. It should be used for extra money, traveler's checks, passport, and Visa card.

5. When traveling it is recommended that one:

- o Not go into a train compartment alone.
- o Sleep in public only with money, passport, etc. in inside pockets.
- o Use locks on suitcases, purses whenever possible.
- o Protect valuables in the hotel as well.

6. Safe places to meet friends are restaurants, pubs and other public places (during peak hours).

One should never appear drunk in public. Pickpockets and pick-up artists will take an intoxicated person as easy prey. One should always stay sharp.