

# NYU Dorm Public Safety Petition

In light of the recent break-ins at NYU dorms and the major security concerns associated with them, it is clear that the places where we are supposed to live, sleep, and feel safe are largely unprepared to tackle these issues. RAs and OAs have been at the frontline of these unsafe situations, despite not being properly trained nor compensated to do so, yet they are expected to all the same. Communication from ResLife is completely inadequate and untimely, making it all the more confusing for RAs and OAs to respond to these intrusions.

With even a gag order in place for when RAs and OAs decide to speak out or ask questions, it is uncertain as to whether those at the top of our administration actually intend to comprehensively address the problem of their students being in danger or how their unpaid staff are thoroughly underprepared to tackle the immense responsibilities heaped onto them during high-risk situations. There is a **clear and present danger**, and yet **little has been done to ensure that such situations are prevented** in the future.

As such, the undersigned Residential Life and Housing Services student workers demand:

1. Building Leadership Teams must inform ResLife workers of intrusion incidents within **reasonable time**
  1. Immediately if NYPD is involved
  2. 8 hours for intrusion
  3. 24 hours for follow up
2. Creation of a **comprehensive, cross-campus dorm intrusion response policy** in conjunction with the Department of Campus Safety, clarifying roles of security guards, RAs, OAs.
  1. To be included in Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 trainings onward.
3. A commitment to **no retaliation for speaking with media as a resident**