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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses on the background of the study. Second, it is followed by the problem statements and research questions. After that, it also included research objectives and information regarding the scope of the study for this research. Besides that another section explains on the significant of study and in the last section is about the definition of the key terms and concepts of this research.

Background of Study

The schools are the institutions whereby the student go to learn and gain the knowledge. It is considered as basic needs for every child in order to go to school. The safe and positive learning environment is important because it help the student to feels comfort during learning session. (Reeves, Kanan & Plog, 2010). The unsafe environment could not provide the good process of learning and teaching. The scope of school safety covered wide area of meaning. Hernandez, Floden, and Bosworth (2010) considered that a place that are free from violence as a safe school, and it should be entitled through the environment that do not have perceived fear that involve the school or its disciplinary procedures. On the other hand, Dunlap (2013) looks from the aspect of school violence in order to determine the school safety. As from the school's views, safety is come out from a school environment that can give protection from variety types of hazards and risk (UNESCO, 2012). It includes the safety of the school premises, fire and natural disaster.

Teachers play an important roles when it come with the issues of school safety. It is the responsible toward a person that possessed educator title in order to teach and educate but it also required them to give education, mental and physical safety toward the learners. Further,

Brand, Felner, Seitsinger, Burns and Bolton, (2008) found in a large scale study that teachers were not only acutely aware of what was going on in terms of school safety, but also that their perception positively correlated with student's perception, behaviors and outcomes. The school especially the management, teachers and parent need to make sure that all students are able to have the chances to live safely. (Khamsiah, Farhan, Mastura & Ssekamanya, 2016).

In Malaysia, a lot of cases regarding the fire safety incident at school that have been reported especially at the religious school. As stated by the newspaper, report related authorities measured that lack of awareness and construction that have been performed without approval of relevant authorities become one of the main reason on why many fire incident that happen in religious school (Azhar, 2017). It also revealed that there are 144 notices that have been issued by the Fire and Rescue Department toward Islamic schools such as tahfiz centre, pondok agama and orphanages due to these schools fails to comply with fire safety guidelines. Whether the teachers and administrators in religious schools are aware or not with the fire safety issues is among the concern in this study.