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ABSTRACT

Parks and recreational area offer various kind of activities that can be done by individuals during their leisure time. Commonly, 30% of an area developed must be reserved for green area or an open space. According to the planning guideline of open space and recreational area, there are eight (8) types of hierarchy that consist of National Park, Regional Park, City Park, Local Park, Neighbourhood Park, Playground, Play Lot and Private Park. All of the hierarchy of parks mention has its own function that followed by the capacity of the park itself. This study has narrow down the scope into the neighbourhood park. It was determined that the neighbourhood park is a recreation area that is located in the neighbourhood area for any recreational activities, sports and it is also act as a social interaction places for the local residents that lives in the neighbourhood area. Neighbourhood park can accommodate 3,000-12,000 people at one time. This study aimed on studying the provision of safe facilities in the neighbourhood park in the study area chosen. An analysis and compilation of the available information on the subject was conducted with emphasis on those facilities located in the neighbourhood park in the study area. It was determined that the safety of the users problem were principally due to poor safety condition and poor quality of construction. In addition, the research indicates that properly design and constructed facilities are durable. It was found that a lack of maintenance and inspection of the facilities provided could lead to a serious injuries. It is recommended that the responsible parties take a serious action in maintaining and upgrading the facilities in neighbourhood park of the study area other than adding some new facilities to ensure the safety of the users are in good condition and to ensure the good future performance of the park.

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