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ABSTRACT

This research is an effort to study the provision and location of proper women changing space in mosque (in Perak). In this investigation, two methods will be used to gather the data. The first method is case study and observation. A total of six Mosques in Malaysia were visited to do research as examples to obtain relevant data. The second method survey questionnaire that will be distributed to 10 women in 6 different mosques. The questionnaire consists of 4 short questions with optional answers (yes/no) were distributed among the women prayer at the mosque to gain more concrete data. From the data collected, there are several findings. This investigation found that most of the mosques provide a changing space although it is not a proper dedicated space.

The space used for changing is not a properly designed space for that purpose. Apart from that, a little consideration of suitability of space has been analysed. Based on this research, almost all the changing space is not suitable especially in terms of privacy. Future mosques should take this space into consideration in designing women prayer areas and emphasize a sense of privacy especially awrah covering, in terms of location and type of separation.