AN INVESTIGATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE SAFETY PRACTICES IN PRIVATE NURSERY SCHOOLS IN PORT HARCOURT METROPOLIS

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ABSTRACT

This study provides reliable, comprehensive, and detailed information on safety practices in private nursery schools in Port Harcourt Metropolis, Rivers State, Nigeria. The study is to enable stakeholders identify and address observed and reported weakness, in order to ensure that good practices are effectively carried out in nursery schools. The study using a sample of two hundred and fifty private nursery schools, examines the extent of safety practices in the schools considering the following components; physical environment, school hygiene practices, recreational facilities and maintenance, water and light, means of transportation and communication and teachers’ personality. The main instrument used for the study was an observational index entitled Safety Practices in Nursery Schools (SPNS) made up of 50 items. Simple percentage and mean scores were used for the data analyses. In all the components examined, the schools exhibited moderate level in safety practices. Recommendations were made to ensure safety practices in nursery schools constitute daily practicable habits

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