



CHILD SECURITY IN SCHOOLS AS NEED OF SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT

At present security of children at schools has become a big issue. Criminal activities have reached to innocent children and they are becoming victims of their horrible, outrage feelings. Over the years, the Supreme Court has issued guidelines for safety measures for school children and school transport. Schools across the country have different guidelines and laws regarding safety measures but ignorance in implementation creates problems. This study is focused on finding views of parents and school administrators regarding security of children in their school.

KEYWORDS

Child Security , Need of Society , Criminal Activities

Introduction:

Children are future of nation. They need secure school environment, advance technology equipped learning resources, supportive teachers. At present kids are victims of several type of crimes, their security has become major issue for parents, society, schools and govt. There are so many cases regarding violating of children rights and raises a bigger question—are children safe in their schools. According to the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, India reported 94,172 cases of crime against children in 2015 as against 89,423 cases in 2014.

Over the past few years incidents of sexual abuse in schools have increased considerably. These cases have shaken up the nation. The onus for safety and security of children in school campus shall solely lie upon the school authorities. Schools have increasingly become commercial institutions which operate on great profit margins. In most of the cases of sexual abuse, assault, and negligence, school personnel are seen to be at fault. A number of rural schools do not even have toilets and students are forced to go out in the open a grave security threat for the students.

There are very few parents for them emotional safety of children is paramount. For most parents, a choice of school for their children is driven by perception, word of mouth, and infrastructure provided by the school. But it's not enough for security of child that school has a great building, play areas, air conditioned classrooms, activity labs and computers or tablets. There is a need of more advanced system than just an infrastructure and facilities.

Now in schools learning spaces have evolved but emotional safety and well-being of children is not issue of attention for any one while children need a positive, learning atmosphere where no one is humiliated, castigated or belittled. Schools need to take strict actions to

make secure environment. Background of all employees should be checked. Children should learn in a supportive atmosphere of openness and empathy. Parents and school administrators both should pay attention on disciplinary issues. Transport facility is needed to be checked regularly.

Children's security is more important rather than other aspects. A small size, nearest, safe school should be preferred by parents. School administrators think they don't need to take initiatives and everything is going on right way. They don't want to expense money in this connection. Parents depend on schools and they think a big size, advance technology equipped school is more helpful for their kids.

Objective:

- Finding of concern of parents regarding child security in schools
- Finding of concern of school administration regarding child security in schools

Hypothesis:

1. There is no significant concern of parents regarding child security in schools.
2. There is no significant concern of school administration regarding child security in schools.

Methodology:

Descriptive survey method was used for this study. 200 schools were randomly selected as sample out of which 100 was govt. and 100 were private schools. 100 schools were middle, 100 were primary schools. 200 parents and 200 school administrators were interviewed regarding primary class student's security in school using self prepared questionnaire. Collected data was tabulated and comparatively analyzed using percentile as statistical tool.

Finding and Analysis:

Table: Satisfactory and Non satisfactory Views Regarding Child Security

Components	School Category	School Level	Infrastructural Satisfaction %	Administrative Satisfaction %	Procedural Satisfaction %	Un satisfaction %
Parents	Govt.	Primary	36	27	26	11
		Middle	32	26	24	18
	Private	Primary	41	29	24	6
		Middle	39	28	23	10
School Administrators	Govt.	Primary	39	34	23	4
		Middle	38	34	23	5
	Private	Primary	41	33	24	2
		Middle	40	32	24	4

Data table indicates that parent's satisfaction is higher for primary schools rather than middle schools. Satisfaction for private schools is greater than govt. schools. Hence hypothesis 1, there is no significant concern of parents regarding child security in schools is rejected.

Data regarding school administrators show similar trend. Security satisfaction is greater for primary schools and private schools. Thus hypothesis 2, there is no significant concern of school administration regarding child security in schools is rejected.

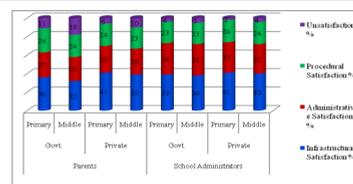


Chart: Satisfactory and Non satisfactory Views Regarding Child Security

**Conclusion:**

Children security is prime issue for our nation. Under influence of such violated incidents any children, society, country, civilization cannot progress. We need peaceful, secured, progressive environment for development of our children. We should take precautionary initiatives to secure our children. Parents, schools and whole society need to take care of all children.

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