

**FAMILY ENVIRONMENT AS A MODERATOR OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
HOUSING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVIANT BEHAVIOR AMONG
ADOLESCENTS IN AMPANG JAYA**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to identify the relationship between housing environment and adolescents deviant behaviour at low-cost housing flats at Pandan Jaya Ampang. A total of 185 adolescents aged 12 to 18 years old were chosen as the sample of this study. A set of questionnaire was chosen as an instrument. The data collected was processed using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 20. Descriptive analysis was used to describe the frequency, percentage, mean and standard deviation. Pearson Correlation was used to test the hypothesis of the study. While multiple regression was used to indicate the moderator effect. Finding of the study showed that the level of adolescents' deviant behaviour is at low level with a mean value of 1.97. The finding also showed that there is a significant relationship between housing environment and adolescents' deviant behaviour with the correlation environment, the higher the the level of youth involvement in deviant behavior. Finding from multiple regression analysis showed that family environment is the moderator, where it reduce the strength of relationship between housing environment and adolescents' deviant behaviour. As the conclusion, the high quality of family environment will reduce the level of adolescents' involvement in deviant behavior despite the quality of housing environment is low.

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