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## **ABSTRACT**

Safety management practices are essential to reduce hazardous incidents at the workplace by improving safety conditions at the workplace, as well as encouraging employers and employees to shift their attitudes and behaviors in order to place an importance on safety and health. The purpose of this study is to review the level of safety compliance among the workers in manufacturing company and to review the relationship between safety compliance as dependent variable with the independent variables which are safety management practices which look at management commitment, safety training, and the involvement of the workers, safety communication, promotion of safety and safety rules & procedures. The research method is quantitative analysis and adopting a cross-sectional approach in data gathering. Primary data generated from the questionnaire chose as a data collection. Random sampling method was used in collecting the data and the population is from the Fabricated Metal and Hardware manufacturing company in Nibong Tebal, Pulau Pinang. Quantitative analysis using SPSS version 25.0 was used and the result is showed that the six factors of safety management practices affect the safety behaviors (safety compliance). The findings from this study will provide useful insight for future researchers and practitioners in the field to identify issues and solutions that contribute to safety and health at the workplace.

**Keywords:** management commitment, safety training, workers involvement, safety communication and feedback, safety rules and procedures, safety promotion policies and safety compliance.

## **ABSTRAK**

Amalan pengurusan keselamatan adalah penting dalam mengurangkan kejadian berbahaya di tempat kerja dengan meningkatkan persekitaran yang selamat di tempat kerja, serta menggalakkan majikan dan pekerja untuk mengubah sikap dan tingkah laku mereka untuk mengutamakan keselamatan dan kesihatan. Tujuan kajian ini adalah untuk menguji tahap kepatuhan terhadap keselamatan di kalangan pekerja keselamatan di syarikat perkilangan dan mengkaji hubungan antara kepatuhan keselamatan sebagai pemboleh ubah bersandar dengan pemboleh ubah bebas yang merupakan amalan pengurusan keselamatan yang melihat komitmen pengurusan, latihan keselamatan, penglibatan pekerja, komunikasi keselamatan, promosi keselamatan dan peraturan & prosedur keselamatan. Kaedah kajian adalah analisis kuantitatif dan menggunakan pendekatan keratan rentas dalam pengumpulan data. Data primer yang dikumpul melalui borang soal selidik yang dipilih sebagai pengumpulan data. Kaedah persampelan rawak digunakan dalam mengumpulkan data dan populasi adalah dari Syarikat pembuatan logam dan fabrikasi perkakasan, Nibong Tebal, Pulau Pinang. Analisis kuantitatif menggunakan SPSS versi 25.0 digunakan dan hasilnya menunjukkan bahawa kesahan dan kebolehpercayaan enam faktor amalan pengurusan keselamatan yang telah mempengaruhi tingkah laku keselamatan (kepatuhan keselamatan). Penemuan dalam kajian ini akan memberikan gambaran berguna untuk penyelidik dan pengamal masa depan dalam bidang ini bagi mengenal pasti isu dan penyelesaian yang menyumbang kepada Keselamatan dan kesihatan di tempat kerja.

Kata kunci: komitmen pengurusan, latihan keselamatan, penyertaan pekerja, komunikasi keselamatan dan maklum balas, peraturan dan prosedur keselamatan, dasar promosi keselamatan, kontrak keselamatan psikologi, pematuhan keselamatan dan penyertaan keselamatan.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

<b>OSH</b>	Occupational Safety and Health
<b>ILO</b>	International Labour Organization OSHA
<b>1994</b>	Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994
<b>SOCSCO</b>	Social Security Organization
<b>S.O.P</b>	Safe Operating Procedure
<b>FMA 1967</b>	Factories and Machinery Act 1967
<b>PPE</b>	Personal Protective Equipment
<b>SPSS</b>	Statistical Package for The Social Science
<b>JSA</b>	Job Safety Analysis



# **CHAPTER 1**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1. Introduction**

Safety management practices are important aspect in occupational safety that need to be taken into consideration. Practice of safety management is an important factor for enhancing the efficient management of the safety organization. Safety management practices, as mentioned in Vinodkumar and Bhasi (2010), consist of management commitment, safety training, worker's involvement, safety communication and feedback, safety rules and procedure, safety promotion and policy.

### **1.2 Background of the Study**

Malaysia's manufacturing sector began to grow quickly as the nation underwent a shift from an agricultural to an industrial business in the early 1980s. After enforcing a strategy to diversify with higher value-added economic activities, Malaysia has achieved remarkable progress in manufacturing sector. Now, manufacturing sector has become one of Malaysia's key contributors to the economy (Essays, UK. 2018). The rapid growth of manufacturing industries in the context of economic development is also related to extensive recruitment of new workers and new advanced technology, machinery and equipment. While using new technologies would open up more opportunities for workers, hiring new employees could pose higher risks of injuries such as the risk of working atmosphere hazards. As shown in figure 1.2, the total number of industrial accidents registered by DOSH has increased significantly in the Malaysian authorities, OSHA 1994

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**APENDIX A**  
**RESEARCH QUESTIONNAIRE**



Dear Participant,

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this research titled:

**The relationship between safety management practices and worker safety  
compliance behaviour in manufacturing sector**

I am a Master of Science in Occupational safety and Health Management student (By Research) and I would appreciate it if you could answer the questions carefully as the information you provide will influence the accuracy and the success of this research. It will take no longer than 30 minutes to complete the questionnaire. All answers will be treated with strict confidence and will be used for the purpose of the study only. If you have any questions regarding this research, you may address them to me at the contact details below.

Thank you for your cooperation and the time taken in answering this questionnaire.

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## **SECTION A**

### **Instruction:**

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This part contains few demographic information pertaining to yourself. **Please tick ( ✓ )** in the box or write your response in the space provided.

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**1. Job title/ Jawatan :** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Gender/ Jantina**

- Male  
 Female

**3. Age/ Umur:** Please specify/ Nyatakan: \_\_\_\_\_ years/ Tahun.

**4. Current monthly salary:**

- Below RM 2000  
 RM 2001 – RM 3000  
 RM 3001 – RM 4000  
 Above RM 4000



**5. Years in service:**

- Less than a year  
 1 – 3 years  
 4 – 7 years  
 More than 7 years

**6. Highest Educational level/ Tahap pendidikan tertinggi :**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary School/ Sekolah Menengah | <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma/ Diploma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate/ Sijil                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Degree/ Ijazah   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master above/ Master ke atas       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others/ Lain-lain: .....           |   |

**7. Marital Status:**

- Single/ Bujang  
 Married/ Berkahwin  
 Divorced/Separated/Widowed

**8. Have you ever had any occupational accident ever since you started working in this organisation?/ Adakah anda pernah mengalami kemalangan di tempat kerja sepanjang bekerja di organisasi ini ?**

Yes/ Ya

No/ Tidak

If yes, how many accidents have you had while working in this organisation?/ *Jika ya, berapakah bilangan kemalangan yang pernah dialami sepanjang bekerja di organisasi ini?*

1 - 3

4 – 8

9 - 15

Over 15

**9. Have you attended any occupational safety training? / Pernahkah anda pernah menghadiri latihan keselamatan?**

Yes/ Ya

No/ Tidak

**10. How often do you have to attend safety training? Berapa kekerapan latihan keselamatan yang anda perlu hadiri?**

Every month/ *Setiap bulan*

Once in three month/ *Sekali dalam tempoh tiga bulan*

Once in six month/*Sekali dalam tempoh enam bulan*

Once a year/ *Sekali setahun*

Not at all/ *Tiada langsung*



## SECTION B

**GUIDELINES: Considering only your perception, please circle the most appropriate answer to you based on the scale below: Dengan hanya mengambil kira pandangan anda, bulatkan jawapan yang paling tepat kepada anda berpandukan pada skala jawapan di bawah:**

1 =

Strongly  
Disagree  
SD

2 = Disagree D

3 = Neutral N

5 =

Agree A  
Strongly  
Agree SA

	SD	D	N	A	SA
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B1.	Safety is given high priority by the management/ <i>Keselamatan diberikan keutamaan oleh pihak pengurusan</i>	1	2	3	4	5
B2.	Safety rules and procedures are strictly followed by the management/ <i>Peraturan dan prosedur keselamatan dipatuhi oleh pihak pengurusan</i>	1	2	3	4	5
B3.	Corrective action is always taken when the	1	2	3	4	5

	management is told about unsafe practices/ <i>Pihak pengurusan membuat pembetulan segera atas amalan tidak selamat apabila dimaklumkan</i>	
B4.	In my workplace manager or supervisors do not show interest in the safety of workers/ <i>Pengurus atau penyelia di tempat kerja tidak menunjukkan minat terhadap keselamatan pekerja</i>	1    2    3    4    5
B5.	Management considers safety to be equally important as production/ <i>Pihak pengurusan mementingkan keselamatan sama seperti penghasilan produk</i>	1    2    3    4    5
B6.	Members of the management do not attend safety meetings/ <i>Wakil pihak pengurusan tidak menghadiri mesyuarat keselamatan.</i>	1    2    3    4    5
B7.	I feel that management is willing to compromise on safety for increasing production/ <i>Saya merasakan pihak pengurusan sanggup bertolak ansur terhadap hal keselamatan demi meningkatkan pengeluaran</i>	1    2    3    4    5
B8.	When near-miss accidents are reported, my management acts quickly to solve the problems/ <i>Pihak pengurusan bertidak pantas untuk menyelesaikan masalah berpunca dari kejadian hampir kemalangan yang telah dilaporkan</i>	1    2    3    4    5
B9.	My company provides sufficient personal protective equipment for the workers/ <i>Pihak pengurusan menyediakan peralatan perlindungan keselamatan secukupnya untuk pekerja-pekerja</i>	1    2    3    4    5
B10.	Employees do not sincerely participate in identifying safety problems/ <i>Penglibatan pekerja adalah tidak ikhlas dalam pengenalpastian masalah keselamatan</i>	1    2    3    4    5
B11.	My company doesn't have a hazard reporting system where employees can communicate hazard information before incidents occur/ <i>Syarikat tidak mempunyai sistem laporan bahaya untuk membolehkan pekerja menyampaikan maklumat punca kemalangan sebelum ia berlaku</i>	1    2    3    4    5

B12.	Management operates an open door policy on safety issues/ <i>Pengurusan mengamalkan dasar keterbukaan mengenai isu-isu keselamatan</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B13.	There is sufficient opportunity to discuss and deal with safety issues in meetings/ <i>Terdapat peluang yang secukupnya bagi membincangkan dan menangani isu-isu keselamatan di dalam mesyuarat</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B14.	The target and goals for safety performance in my organization are not clear to the workers/ <i>Sasaran dan matlamat prestasi keselamatan kepada para pekerja di organisasi ini tidak jelas</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B15.	Safety training given to me is adequate to enable to me to assess hazards in workplace/ <i>Latihan keselamatan yang diberikan kepada saya adalah mencukupi untuk membolehkan saya menilai bahaya/hazard di tempat kerja</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B16.	Management always welcomes opinion from employees before making final decisions on safety related matters/ <i>Pihak pengurusan sentiasa mengalu-alukan pendapat pekerja sebelum membuat keputusan akhir mengenai hal-hal berkaitan keselamatan</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B17.	My company has safety committees consisting of representatives of management and employees/ <i>Jawatankuasa keselamatan di syarikat saya terdiri daripada wakil pihak pengurusan dan wakil pihak pekerja</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B18.	Management promotes employees involvement in safety related matters/ <i>Pihak pengurusan menggalakkan penglibatan pekerja dalam hal-hal keselamatan</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B19.	Management consults with employees regularly about workplace health and safety issues/ <i>Pihak pengurusan sering berunding dengan pihak pekerja mengenai isu kesihatan dan keselamatan di tempat kerja</i>	1      2      3      4      5

B20.	My company gives comprehensive training to the employees in workplace health and safety issues/ <i>Pihak pengurusan memberi latihan kesihatan dan keselamatan yang komprehensif untuk pekerja di tempat kerja</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B21.	Newly recruits are trained adequately to learn safety rules and procedures/ <i>Pekerja baru diberikan latihan secukupnya mengenai peraturan dan prosedur keselamatan.</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B22.	Safety issues are given high priority in training programmes/ <i>Isu keselamatan diberikan keutamaan dalam program-program latihan</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B23.	I am not adequately trained to respond to emergency situations in my workplace/ <i>Saya tidak diberikan latihan secukupnya untuk bertindak balas terhadap situasi kecemasan di tempat kerja</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B24.	Management encourages the workers to attend safety training programmes/ <i>Pihak pengurusan menggalakkan pekerja untuk menyertai latihan-latihan keselamatan</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B25.	The safety procedures and practices in this organization are useful and effective/ <i>Prosedur dan amalan keselamatan dalam organisasi ini adalah berguna dan berkesan.</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B26.	In my company safe conduct is considered as a positive factor for job promotions/ <i>Dalam syarikat ini amalan keselamatan adalah faktor positif yang boleh membantu kenaikan pangkat</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B27.	In my company employees are rewarded for reporting safety hazards (thanked, cash or other rewards, recognition in newsletter, etc.)/ <i>Dalam syarikat ini pekerja diberikan ganjaran kerana melaporkan bahaya/hazad keselamatan (ucapan terima kasih, imbuhan wang atau penghargaan di dalam bulletin, dll)</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B28.	In my company safety week celebration and other safety promotional activities arranged by the management are very effective in creating safety	1      2      3      4      5

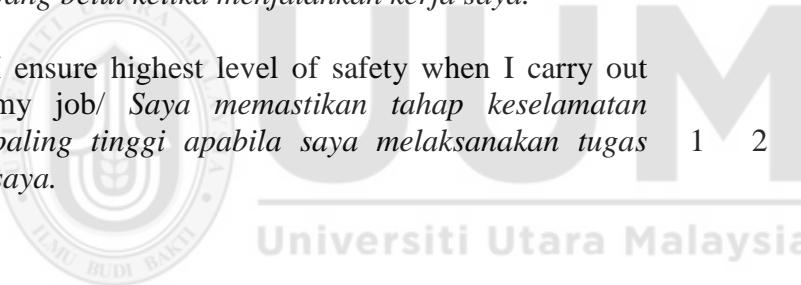
	awareness among the workers/ <i>Dalam syarikat ini minggu keselamatan dan lain-lain aktiviti promosi keselamatan yang dianjurkan oleh pihak pengurusan adalah berkesan untuk mewujudkan kesedaran keselamatan di tempat kerja.</i>	
B29.	There exists very healthy competition among the employees to find out and report unsafe condition and acts/ <i>Wujud persaingan yang sihat di kalangan pekerja untuk melaporkan keadaan dan tingkahlaku yang tidak selamat</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B30.	Our supervisor becomes very unhappy and angry when employees find out and report unsafe conditions and acts in our department/ <i>Penyelia kami tidak berpuas hati dan marah jika pekerja mengetahui dan melaporkan keadaan dan tingkahlaku yang tidak selamat yang berlaku di bahagian kami</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B31.	There is open communications about safety issues in this workplace/ <i>Terdapat komunikasi terbuka mengenai isu keselamatan di tempat kerja</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B32.	The safety rules and procedures followed in my company are sufficient to prevent incidents occurring/ <i>Peraturan dan prosedur keselamatan di organisasi ini adalah cukup untuk mencegah berlakunya kemalangan</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B33.	The facilities in the safety department are not adequate to meet the needs of my organization/ <i>Fasiliti di jabatan keselamatan tidak mencukupi untuk memenuhi keperluan organisasi</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B34.	My supervisors and managers always try to enforce safe working procedures/ <i>Penyelia dan pengurus saya sentiasa cuba untuk menguatkuasakan prosedur kerja yang selamat</i>	1      2      3      4      5
B35.	Safety inspections are carried out regularly/ <i>Pemeriksaan keselamatan kerap dijalankan</i>	1      2      3      4      5

## SECTION C

**GUIDELINES:** Considering only your perception, please circle the most appropriate answer to you based on the scale below: Dengan hanya mengambil kira pandangan anda, bulatkan jawapan yang paling tepat kepada anda berpandukan pada skala jawapan di bawah:

1 = Strongly Disagree SD	2 = Disagree D	3 = Neutral N	4 = Agree A	5 = Strongly Agree SA			
			<b>SD</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>SA</b>

C1.	I carry out work in a safe manner. <i>Saya melaksanakan kerja saya dengan cara yang selamat.</i>	1    2    3    4    5
C2.	I use all necessary safety equipment to do my job. <i>Saya menggunakan semua peralatan keselamatan yang sesuai untuk melakukan kerja saya.</i>	1    2    3    4    5
C3.	I use the correct safety procedures for carrying out my job/ <i>Saya menggunakan prosedur keselamatan yang betul ketika menjalankan kerja saya.</i>	1    2    3    4    5
C4.	I ensure highest level of safety when I carry out my job/ <i>Saya memastikan tahap keselamatan paling tinggi apabila saya melaksanakan tugas saya.</i>	1    2    3    4    5



Please indicate any comments you have in order to improve this questionnaire:

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Please, feel free to contact me on any issue(s) regarding to this questionnaire.  
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## APPENDIX B: Turnitin Result

### The Relationship Between Safety Management Practices With Worker Safety Behaviour In Manufacturing Sector

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## APPENDIX C: Reliability Result

### Reliability Test

<b>Component</b>	<b>Number of Initial Items (Pilot Test)</b>	<b>Cronbach's alpha (Pilot Test)</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>	<b>Cronbach's alpha</b>
Management Commitment	9	0.724	9	0.853
Safety Communication	5	0.707	5	0.885
Workers Involvement	5	0.718	5	0.883
Safety Training	5	0.705	5	0.865
Safety Promotion Policies	6	0.714	6	0.854
Safety Rules & Procedure	5	0.816	5	0.911
Safety Compliance	4	0.734	4	0.822
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>		<b>39</b>	

## APPENDIX D: Regression Result

Model	Coefficients <sup>a</sup>							
	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients				Collinearity Statistics	
	B	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.	Tolerance	VIF	
1 (Constant)	.806	.469		1.720	.089			
ManagementCommitment	-.108	.115	-.112	-.937	.351	.374	2.677	
SafetyCommunication	.048	.089	.065	.538	.592	.362	2.764	
WorkersInvolvement	.097	.061	.126	1.591	.115	.853	1.172	
SafetyTraining	.507	.075	.549	6.723	.000	.802	1.247	
SafetyPromotionPolicies	.157	.075	.176	2.106	.038	.764	1.309	
SafetyRulesProcedure	.078	.086	.079	.907	.367	.709	1.410	

a. Dependent Variable: DSafetyCompliance



## APPENDIX E: Correlation Result

		SAFETY COMPLIANCE	MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT	SAFETY COMMUNICATION	WORKERS INVOLVEMENT	SAFETY TRAINING	SAFETY PROMOTION POLICIES	SAFETY RULES PROCEDURE
SAFETY COMPLIANCE	PEARSON CORRELATION	1	.107	.165	.251**	.631**	.326**	.338**
	SIG. (2-TAILED)		.270	.087	.009	.000	.001	.000
	N	108						
MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT	PEARSON CORRELATION	.107	1					
	SIG. (2-TAILED)	.270						
	N	108	108					
SAFETY COMMUNICATION	PEARSON CORRELATION	.165	.782	1				
	SIG. (2-TAILED)	.087	.000					
	N	108	108	108				
WORKERS INVOLVEMENT	PEARSON CORRELATION	.251	.332	.300	1			
	SIG. (2-TAILED)	.009	.000	.002				
	N	108	108	108	108			
SAFETY TRAINING	PEARSON CORRELATION	.631	.221	.240	.246	1		
	SIG. (2-TAILED)	.000	.022	.012	.010			
	N	108	108	108	108	108		
SAFETY PROMOTION POLICIES	PEARSON CORRELATION	.326	.048	.136	.019	.200	1	
	SIG. (2-TAILED)	.001	.625	.161	.844	.038		
	N	108	108	108	108	108	108	
SAFETY RULES PROCEDURE	PEARSON CORRELATION	.338	-.043	-.077	.055	.320	.439	1
	SIG. (2-TAILED)	.000	.660	.427	.573	.001	.000	
	N	108	108	108	108	108	108	108