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LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

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THE LEGAL PERSPECTIVES OF GATED COMMUNITY SCHEMES IN MALAYSIA

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INTRODUCTION

A house as defined by Vliet (1998) as a physical construction which functions to shelter its occupant. The definition of safety in relation to planning of housing is usually related to the occurrence of crime happening within or surrounding the housing area. Based on Atlas (1999), safety is considered as one of the most important aspects in planning of housing. Safety can be related to security, protection from danger, defensive area and prevention from damage or injury. In relation to housing development, safety is associated with provision of shelter that manages to prevent its resident from harm.

One of the recent established concepts incorporating safety aspect in the housing development is the gated community concept. Gated community concept was first introduced to cater for the demand for security aspect and the guarantee of a safe living environment to its resident. In principle, it is a housing area where houses are built on