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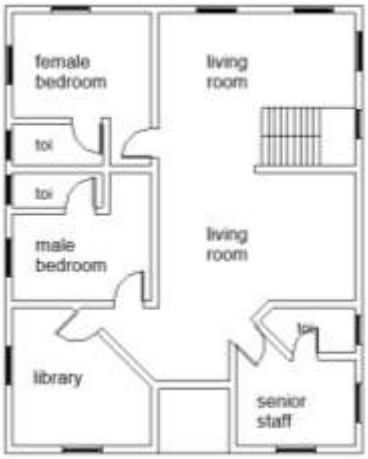

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ABSTRACT

Safety is the act of being free from any form of harm or hazard within and around a building. Although safety is one of the key considerations in building design, more attention is needed when designing for the aged population. The requirement of safety for the aged population has not been adequately articulated in research literature. Therefore the primary aim of this study was to develop an architectural design proposal of a retirement home for the aged in Lagos State, Nigeria that is safe and meets the housing aspirations of all categories of elderly people. The objectives were: (i) to examine the history of retirement homes both locally and internationally (ii) to examine the evolving trends in the design of retirement homes over the course of time. (iii) to examine how architecture meets the safety and design requirements for the elderly, and (iv) to develop a design proposal for a retirement home that meets the safety requirements and accommodates a wide range of individual preferences. In order to do this, this study has used existing literature and available information from case studies to examine the historical and current trends as well as the safety requirements necessary for the design of a retirement home. Consequent upon this, this thesis has made an architectural design proposal of a retirement home that embodies safety and all other elements that engender a greater preference for all possible preference of the aged.

Keywords: Old people, Retirement home, Elderly, Aged, Safety.