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**Rahman, M. Z. (2014). Accord on" Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh": A Breakthrough Agreement? *Nordic Journal of Working Life Studies*, *4*(1), 69.**

**Introduction and Overview**

The article list some of the changes that have been occurring over the past years to workers in the garment industry in Bangladesh. International retailers were not following safety measures to prevent disasters. Different countries had specific measures in place to secure the buildings in case of emergency fire situations. The author has taken steps to educate the public on changes that have occurred, which has lead to the “Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh”. In 2013 the Accord was adopted by several international bodies to ensure safety in the workplace. It gives the history of fire and building safety after the 2011 fire broke out at “That’s It Sportswear”. The author gives some of the written agreements among signatories to the accord that will ensure safety in working places (Rahman, 2014).

**Description of How Article Approves Material Course**

The article gives a background towards fire and building safety. It has mentioned some of the fire and building measures that need to be put in place in working places for safety. It further looks into some ways the codes implemented can be of assistance to workers in any working environment. It agrees that buildings have to be configured to ensure occupants remain safe in case a fire breaks out or to totally prevent such a scenario from happening. The needed measures and procedures articulated in the article are in line with what was taught in the coursework (Robertson, 1974).

**My Point of View**

The article has considered the most common measures that building owners can be aware. Considering that some of the established measures put in place locally and internationally require extensive training and practice, the article has recommended some of the basic standards. The author has also put in mind that the article will be accessed by people with different backgrounds. Students from the various levels of education institution, workers in construction companies, company workers, and families at home will obtain such information, and it needs to be short and precise.

**Summary of Thoughts and Suggestions in Support of My Opinion**

The article is relevant to the field of fire and building safety. It has considered the measures needed to be put in place for safer working areas. Using of short and precise wordings ensures the public gets the necessary knowledge about fire and building safety. We see the article subdivided into several small portions that have the relevant information. Also, the author has avoided legalese language to encourage the readers as most people think issues with codes of safety are legal in nature.

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