

**Abstract:**

This paper focuses on domestic violence. Theoretical part discusses the definition and theories on domestic violence, its most important models and forms. Other points of focus are risk factors, attachment and differentiation of self in the context of domestic violence. Consequences and interventions, including protective factors, are also mentioned.

The empirical part uses qualitative methodology, consists of six semi-structured interviews with the victims of intimate partner violence. It is primarily focused on beginnings, history and endings of the relationships, including consequences and protective factors and other characteristics. It deals also with primary family and posttraumatic growth. To achieve its goals, it applies the principles of grounded theory. The results show few phenomena, which concern the victims of intimate partner violence.

**Key words:** intimate partner violence, risk factors, consequences, intervention, protective factors