Abstract

Presented thesis is focused on the domestic violence and its prevention, a substantial part of the thesis is aimed at legal framework for protection against domestic violence. The thesis is divided into six chapters, in the first one the definition of domestic violence and its different forms are presented. Domestic violence can be divided into intimate-partner violence between former or existing spouses or partners, violence between parents and children and elder abuse. Protection against domestic violence is provided by substantive and procedural provisions of administrative, civil and criminal law. The second chapter is dedicated to means of protection regulated by administrative law, when the misdemeanour legislation and protection in the Police Act is mentioned. Special provisions against domestic violence are included in the Czech Civil Code. The following three chapters are dedicated to the criminal aspects of domestic violence. Description of the different types of criminal offences related to the domestic violence is covered in the third chapter. Protection of victims of domestic violence during the criminal proceedings is outlined in chapter four of this thesis. The rights of the injured party are pointed out, especially in connection to the pre-trial stage of proceedings, collateral proceedings and the use of diversion in the criminal procedure law. Limits of mediation in the domestic violence cases are also discussed. The fifth chapter is focused on the system of protection of the crime victims in the Czech Republic. The system of prevention including the institutions and tools is introduced in the last chapter. A questionnaire was drawn up to determine the scope and focus of education on domestic violence at primary and secondary schools in the Czech Republic. The evaluation of the questionnaire is included in the conclusion of presented thesis.