

The thesis is concerned with the topic of safety while working with children and youth in non-governmental non-profit organizations (NGOs).

In the first part it focuses on the definition of the topic and basic terms connected with this issue, such as „safety“, „risk“ and „risk management“. It tackles history of NGOs working with children and youth in the Czech Republic and also existing relevant laws and legal regulations. The non-existence of an integral legislation for this area of civic activities results in the fact that the representatives of NGOs working with children have to have knowledge and proficiency in a vast variety of laws and regulations. Further on, the thesis offers some insight into the system and methods of risk management in commercial sector, introduces different approaches to risk analyses and attempts to apply some of them in the field of NGOs working with the underaged.

The second part of the thesis is more practical. Two larger and longer existing NGOs working with children and two smaller and newer ones analyze their organizational structure and processes with regard to safety and precaution measures. The questionnaires are evaluated and compared, a SWOT analyses is elaborated with two of the participating NGOs.

Finally, a method for risk analysis used in a production plant is modified and applied in one of the participating NGOs in order to determine its applicability in the non-commercial sector, specifically for organizations working with children and youth.