

This diploma thesis deals with the issue of safety and protection of children's health. It namely disserts on the occurrence of accidents among children, their prevention and provision of first aid in case of an accident or sudden damage to one's health . The aim of this thesis is to map the current state of accident occurrence among children and the scope of assertion of permanent active prevention with selected primary school pupils. The theoretical part contains epidemiological data concerning accident occurrence among children, types of accidents from the point of view of physical and psychological development of a child and the environment in which these accidents occur and selected preventive measures. Most attention is paid to school accident occurrence, safety and protection of pupils and incorporation of this issue in the Framework educational programme for basic education. It also provides a summary of legal aspects and recommended practices of first aid provision, including the current trends and introduction of educational programmes and courses intended for lay public. The practical part maps the awareness of safe behaviour as the primary form of accident prevention among ninth grade primary school pupils as well as their knowledge, skills and attitudes to first aid provision. These findings are then compared to their teachers' opinions and experience. The thesis then suggests recommendations for pedagogical practice based on these facts.