

Sexual abuse of children presents a serious sociopathological phenomenon and one of the most serious forms of harming children. The issue of sexual abuse of children has been accompanying a mankind for centuries and it can be viewed from many angles. Sexual abuse, particularly in its intrafamilial form, has an essential and often very traumatic impact on children. The impact on children's current state, on their overall development and thus the quality of their future life. Despite that, from this perspective, there hasn't been always devoted enough attention to this issue yet.

Traumatized children react to abuse with great individual variability; picture of the consequences is very fragmented, the symptoms are rather nonspecific, and that also significantly hampers the detection of vulnerable children.

We cannot effectively enough to protect children against these risks without good information about who are the abusers of children and for what reason the sexual offending is going on. Intrafamilial sexual abuse is a complex, multifactorial phenomenon, in which creation, development and maintenance is involved not only the abuser, but the structure and dynamics of the family system might play its role too. Proper understanding of these relationships is a necessary condition to start a child's protection against any future attacks and also to induce desired changes in the family system and the rehabilitation of relations. Many children are sexually abused from an early age and long-term, often for several years - they can not get themselves from the vicious circle of repeating attacks and escape from these attacks. In their helplessness they eventually adapt to sexual abuse for the price of distortion of the healthy development, distorted social ties and relationships. They devaluate their own identity and values by losing themselves. Sexual abuse may gradually affect the functioning of all the individual components: emotionality, identity, behavior, relationship to oneself and other people, performance and somatic health. The victims of sexual abuse have been remaining captured in the symptoms of mental disorders without professional help sometimes even for their lifetime. Bullying or abuse in one generation can be transmitted to future generations through the so-called transgenerational transfer..