

Abstract

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The topic of this thesis is the criminal aspects of domestic violence. The aim of the thesis is to describe this dangerous and complicated social problem and focus on outlining the possibilities of protection under Czech criminal law. The thesis consists of eight chapters. The first chapter explains what domestic violence is and which sources, types and characters it has. The second chapter shows who can be the violent person and this part is then divided into two sections according to the sex of the aggressor. Chapter number three illustrates possible victims of domestic violence. The next chapter deals with the types of legal protection that goes beyond criminal law and the chapter presents the Act against Domestic Violence, possibilities of civil court orders as well as it presents the orders issued by the police. Chapter number five points out the main criminal offences committed by aggressors most frequently in domestic violence situations. The sixth chapter shows the most important aspects of criminal proceedings in relation to victims of domestic violence and it especially describes their rights, possibilities and ways of protection during prosecution. The following chapter presents some of the foreign legislations which seem to be very useful and inspiring. The last chapter contains the considerations *de lege ferenda* and it describes the main aspects of the newly adopted act dealing with and supporting the victims of criminal offences which takes effect from this August.