

## **Abstract**

The aim of this thesis is to examine the concept of victims of crime from the point of view of Criminology. It is presented within the law studies, so its object also consists of the analysis of the international and national legislation relating to the position and rights of the victim, or more precisely, the aggrieved party in criminal procedure. Firstly, the work presents the concept of Victimology - the scientific discipline about the victims of crime, and it focuses on processes and factors of the victimization. The following chapter is focused on the victimology prevention. The second part of the thesis is dedicated to the study of the European legislation regarding the assistance, protection and compensation of victims of crime. Moreover the work describes the victimology legislation of Spain and the Czech Republic and compares the role of the aggrieved party in their criminal justice systems.