

Title: Domestic violence and its prevention

Abstract

The purpose of my thesis is to analyze the issues of domestic violence, outline the basic characteristics of its essential aspects and focus on preventive measures of protection against domestic violence, especially the applicable legislation of the Czech Republic. The paper is divided into four chapters.

The first chapter contains the characteristics of domestic violence as a criminological concept. At first there is a definition of the phenomenon of violence as the intentional act involved in the maltreatment and abuse. The second subchapter presents actual domestic violence which is explained by a description of its elements, types and forms, its process, method of identifying and documenting its causes. Chapter One concludes with a part regarding myths prevailing in the society about domestic violence.

The following chapter focuses on violent persons and endangered individuals by domestic violence. The aim of this chapter is to describe the profile of both actors regardless of the gender expectations. Subchapter relating to endangered individuals includes the definition of victim and further discusses long term psychological consequences of abuse and specific groups of endangered individuals.

The third chapter deals with the current legislation which aims to provide protection against domestic violence. Legislation of domestic violence is a large topic that would be sufficient for an entire content of another thesis. Therefore this chapter refers especially to the provisions of the Criminal Code. However an attention is marginally provided to the Act on the Protection of Victims of Crime and administrative provisions. The last part focuses on the civil acts.

The final chapter looks at assistance to victims of domestic violence and points to necessity of its prevention. The end of the chapter is addressed to an overview of the types of prevention with a listing of steps that are sorted under them.

In conclusion, there is highlighted the importance of the issue from a global perspective and also mentioned possible ways of action that could lead to more effective prevention and improvement of the situation of older people in the position of endangered individuals.

Keywords

domestic violence, domestic violence victims and endangered individuals, maltreatment of person living in the common dwelling, prevention