

## **ABSTRACT**

This bachelor thesis is focused on public awareness about hearing impairment in the Czech Republic. The main objective is to find more information about this topic. The first theoretical part describes basic theory, which is important for better understanding and orientation in hearing impairments issues. The practical part is dedicated to special education of people with hearing impairment, public attitudes towards people with this disability are also mentioned. This part is also focused on research with anonymous questionnaire, which includes questions about basic terms, knowledge of hearing impairment types, or experiences with meeting these people and how would respondents communicate, if somebody with this disability asked for help. Questionnaire is also focused on attitudes of respondents to hearing impairments and how they protect their own hearing.

It implies from the research, that respondents are quite well informed about hearing handicaps, and that they are willing to help people with these disabilities despite their shyness. But even if they know how to protect their own hearing, they do not follow the rules of proper aural hygiene very much.