

# PREVENTION OF CRIME IN CZECH REPUBLIC

## Abstract

The subject of my diploma work is the issue of the prevention of crime in the Czech Republic. Having studied deeply the available materials, I decided to focus my diploma work more closely on drug prevention. Above all, I have chosen this subject considering that I am convinced the general affirmation “any prevention is better than the subsequent repression “ is valid. It is better to exert efforts, time, pains, and financial resources into the prevention of crime and other social pathologic phenomena than to invest much more of them later in connection with repression and harm reduction.

I am interested in the drug prevention and problems linked with it. I think the drug crime is very dangerous for the society in particular by two reasons. Firstly, the claimer of criminal offence is missed here very often. This imposes high requirements on police authorities who have to search out and reveal these criminal offences actively. The second reason consists in the fact that the long term drug use destroys users themselves psychically and mainly also physically and it affects their families as well. Such drug use poses also a frequent impulse for committing other kinds of criminal offences.

I have divided my diploma work into two basic parts. In the first section named by me as the General Part, I start with description of crime, its types, prevention of crime and its division. Then I continue with description of subjects of the prevention of crime and specific features of the prevention of crime in the Czech Republic. I describe three main levels of the system of the prevention of crime in the Czech Republic in this part of my diploma work. I present strategies of prevention of crime and I apply myself to tasks fulfilled in this area by central administrative bodies – the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Education in detail. The second section named by me as the Special Part is focused on the more specific problem – prevention and drugs. I present the problem of drugs and drug scene in the Czech Republic in this part. Then I address to the description of activities developed by the Methodology and Prevention Section of the National Drug Headquarters of Criminal Police

and Investigation Service of the Czech Republic Police in this section. At the close of this passage, I present the primary prevention project called “Little Police Academy”.

The “Little Police Academy” is so called pilot project of the “Complex Program of Prevention of Socially Undesirable Phenomena in Basic Schools”. The project was implemented in cooperation of the Preventive and Information Group of the District Directorate of the Czech Republic Police in České Budějovice with the Methodology and Prevention Group of the National Drug Headquarters of Criminal Police and Investigation Service of the Czech Republic Police at that time. Three basic schools participated in this project. The starting point was based on problems troubling our contemporary society. The project was implemented during four years period of time. Pedagogues and specialized experts like policemen, lawyers, and psychologists participated in it. This is its main advantage of it according to my opinion. The goal of the project was to reach the level where children would acquire positive social behavior and would learn to refuse violation of law.

I have used proper logical methods like deduction analysis, and synthesis in my diploma work above all.