

## ABSTRACT

The diploma thesis on the topic of “Myths about Domestic Violence in Comparison with Reality” deals with incorrect and false notions which are connected with the given phenomenon. In the first part fundamental concepts, definitions, signs, types and forms are explained. The following part considers particular groups of myths about domestic violence. The first group focuses on myths denying the existence of the problem itself, where a myth about domestic violence as a private issue and a myth classifying domestic violence as a common struggle between partners are discussed. The second group deals with myths connected with the socioeconomic status of a family in which domestic violence takes place. The third group focuses on women and myths that it is women who are the causes of violence that their partners commit on them. It also deals with the effects which violence leaves on women. The last group of myths concentrates on men as batterers in domestic violence and perception of risk factors which can lead to their violent behaviour. The thesis relates to already existing publications, statistics and researches, in Czech as well as foreign literature.