

## **Problems of origin and development of dependence on alcohol at women suffering from domestic violence: Protective and risk factors**

### **Abstract**

The bachelor thesis engages with theme of harmful use and alcohol dependence of women – victims of domestic violence. Background for this work was International violence against women survey in Czech Republic from 2003, which presents that 58,9 % respondents met with domestic violence in their lives. 26 % of them, who experienced violence by their partner, had recourse to use of alcohol or medicaments (Pikálková, 2004), which is not negligible number. Theoretical part of this thesis is devoted to themes of domestic violence and origin and development of dependence at first and then it describes existing researches which connect both themes. Goals of the thesis were to describe connection between domestic violence and harmful use or dependence on alcohol on the base of the experience of women exposed to domestic violence and also to describe risk and protective factors of harmful use or dependence on alcohol at those women. I reached the goals of the thesis by methods of qualitative research by means of semi-structured interview with six victims of domestic violence. Basic group were women – victims of domestic violence. Six women were chosen to research sample by snowball sampling, they were divided to two groups by the questionnaire AUDIT according to that if they were harmful using of alcohol or if they were addicted to it. The questionnaire DAST served to exclude harmful use or dependence on other addictive substances. Result of this thesis is the description of connection between domestic violence and alcohol use at respondents of this research and description of some recurrent risk and protective factors. Although the thesis has not brought any applicable conclusions, it contributes to elucidate this issues and it could be a base for another research.

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