

Abstract

This thesis deals with the topic of protection of victims of crime. The topic is quite broad therefore the main focus is at the assistance for victims of crime and forms of such assistance. The thesis is divided into three main parts which are further divided into chapters and subchapters.

The first part is concerned with victimology in general. It contains four chapters. First chapter describes the science of victimology. The knowledge of basic principles of victimology is fundamental for further understanding of the topic of crime victims. Brief overview of the evolution of victimology is also mentioned. The second chapter defines the basic concepts of victimology, such as the term victim, victimity, harm and factors that influence the extent of the harm caused by a crime to the victim. The third chapter is closely focused on the process of victimization and its specific issues. It contains more detailed subchapters on primary, secondary, tertiary victimization and on repeated victimization. The fourth chapter concludes this part. It is concerned with sources of information about crime victims that are available. Particularly it deals with official statistics and victimology researches and studies.

The second part is contained in chapter number five and its subchapters. Its main focus is on assistance for victims of crime in theoretical perspective. Possible forms of the assistance are described in detail. Particularly laic, psychological, social, financial and legal assistance is concerned. There are some recommendations included as to how the assistance should look like and, conversely, what to avoid.

The third part describes the legal regulations in Czech Republic. The main source of information is the Act No. 45/2013 Coll., on victims of crime. The chapter six contains further definition of the term victim and individual rights assigned to victims. The main focus is on legal regulations and forms of assistance for crime victims. The subject matter of the chapter number seven is nongovernmental agencies that provide assistance for victims of crime. Legal regulations of the relationship between those organisations and the state are analysed. More detailed focus is on the operation of the organisation called Bily kruh bezpeci as it is the most prominent of organisations providing assistance for victims in Czech Republic.