

## **Abstract**

This diploma thesis addresses the issues of victims of crimes in criminology. Object of this work is to describe the victim's status and rights, introduce the area of victimology to the reader together with related knowledge of this area, description of recent legislation pertaining victims with particular focus on Crime Victims Act.

This diploma thesis is structured as following: Introduction, 10 chapters, systematically divided into subchapters, conclusion. First chapter deals with questions of victimology, its evolution and subject matter. Second chapter explains the concept of victim of the crime, victimity and special types of victims, e.g. pseudo victim or multiple victim. Chapter three covers the area of victimization and its characteristics. Debunking of famous victimological myths is also included in this chapter. Chapter four describes an influence of the crime on victim and how possible victimisation results in post-traumatic stress disorder. Chapter mentions which circumstances can deepen victimization and gives an account of syndromes of the victims. Next chapter presents specific victims. There are various victimological researches examined in chapter six and help for victims of crime is topic of the chapter seven. Chapter eight addresses prevention in victimology. Following chapter is a key topic – victims of crime legislation. Diploma thesis ends with an issue of restorative justice.

This work strives to bring complex view on the victim of crime in criminology from the moment of victimization, where concrete person is becoming a victim. It discusses victim's rights, consequences and possible complications, that are connected with this traumatic experience. There is particular concern for the amendment of Crime Victims Act, that is to be implemented in time of submission of this diploma thesis.