

## **ABSTRACT**

The thesis called Second Grade Elementary School Students' Knowledge about Children Abuse is divided into two parts. The theoretical part, which consists of one main chapter, deals with the forms of Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) syndrome, its manifestations and consequences. Each of the forms listed is supplemented by a typical behaviour of the children who have been victims of CAN. The thesis also summarizes the development of CAN syndrome term and possible causes of abuse. The thesis includes information on basic children rights and abuse prevention. The final part of the thesis emphasizes authorities responsible for safeguarding children. The practical part of the thesis contains research results. The objective of this part was to find out the depth of the lower secondary pupils' knowledge on physical and psychological abuse. The research suggests that the pupils were equally aware of physical and psychological abuse. The method used for the research was a questionnaire followed by data comparison. Furthermore, the research has observed that the pupils have personal experience with physical and psychological abuse and punishment. Pupils are punished primarily by their mothers for insolence and back talking. The most frequent kind of punishment is that the children are forbidden the use a PC or their mobile phones. The end of the practical part of the thesis contains analysis of the education plan of the chosen school followed by a lesson plan on CAN syndrome.

## **KEYWORDS**

CAN syndrome, children, abuse, sexual abuse, neglecting