POLICY PAGE

| Category: | Youth Crime |
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| Country of origin: | Bulgaria |
| Year: | 2015 |

| Main policy page: | N/A |
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| Relevant legislation: | Methodological instructions from the Minister of Interior |
| Trends: | In October 2014 in the National Police Chief Directorate was created an expert working group with the task to develop methodological guidelines for police officers, working on the Junior Police Academies programme. |
| | The programme's goal is to protect the lives, health and property rights of children, as well as to form skills and habits for adequate behaviour in different situations, intolerance to criminal attacks, reduction of crimes and antisocial behaviour committed by children or against children, and building up an adequate civil position. |
| | The programme will include children from classes 3 to 6, who can be trained in two consecutive school years. The topics included in the methodological guideline comply with the age of the children. In these two years the children will be taught a few basic modules: First Aid, Traffic Safety , Junior Police Personal Protection, Health, Ethics and Law, Training camps and Social Skills. |
| | In the social skills module children will be introduced to topics such as: teamwork, how to interact with my schoolmates, how to cope with aggressive behaviour, etc. |
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