

TEMPLATE POLICY PAGE

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Main policy page:	<p><u>Project Management Team for Planning the Policy against Crime (PMT-PPC)</u></p> <p>In the context of its mission, PMT-PPC submitted a number of suggestions to the political leadership of the Ministry of Public Order for an integrated policy that would protect the victims of criminal actions. The operational leadership of the Ministry approved the proposals put forward and an Information Manual was drafted to provide aid to the victims of criminal actions.</p> <p>This Manual, which is for Internal / Police use only was sent to all General Police Addresses and Police, includes a detailed presentation of the obligations and the possibilities of actions of police officers dealing with the following kind of cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Crimes against minors<input type="checkbox"/> Crimes against sexual freedom<input type="checkbox"/> Crimes related to violence within the family<input type="checkbox"/> Crimes against life and physical integrity<input type="checkbox"/> Financial and sexual abuse of human beings <p>Furthermore, an annex is included with the Manual with useful information on how to further guide and handle those victims, orienting them to the competent institutions (including NGOs) so that they can receive further help and protection, as provided by the law.</p> <p><u>Compilation and publication of domestic violence handbook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> In May 2005, the Hellenic Police Force published a handbook in order to handle substantially and effectively domestic violence offences, which are committed mainly against women and children. The handbook was sent to all services so as to facilitate police staff handling of such cases.<input type="checkbox"/> The handbook includes the definition of Domestic Violence, the various forms of violence that occur within the family, and the rules of procedure and guidelines when dealing with the victims and especially with their safety.<input type="checkbox"/> The handbook also mentions the Social Services, to whom the Police Officers can refer, so the victims can be provided assistance and mental support by specialised scientists.
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	<p>□ The handbook can be found in the web page of the Ministry of Public Order, www.ydt.gr It is also translated in English language.</p>
<p>Relevant legislation:</p>	<p>Until 2006, the crimes that were committed within the family were punished by the common articles of the Penal Code. But a new Law, 3500 was established in 24 October of 2006 and was taken into force in 24th of January of 2007, so since then the domestic violence is considered as a self - standing crime. The main aim of Law 3500 is the protection of the family members' human rights.</p> <p>This law contains a number of innovations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It establishes the institution of judicial mediation. - For the first time, the use of violence against minors as a method of discipline is explicitly forbidden. - These measures are to apply not only to married couples, but also in cases of stable cohabitation. - The crime of rape is also punished within the domestic environment. - Domestic violence within a marriage is taken to be a sign that the relationship has been dysfunctional for a long time. <p>According to this Law, responsible for the provision of assistance to the victims of domestic violence is the "National Centre for Social Solidarity" of the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity. It is stated that the police is obliged to inform victims about all the available options for support and assistance provided by the state. Compilation and publication of domestic violence handbook In May 2005, the Hellenic Police Force published a handbook in order to handle substantially and effectively domestic violence offences, which are committed mainly against women and children. The handbook was sent to all services so as to facilitate police staff handling of such cases.</p> <p>The handbook includes the definition of domestic violence, the various forms of violence that occur within the family, and the rules of procedure and guidelines when dealing with the victims and especially with their safety.</p> <p>The handbook also mentions the social services, to which the police officers can refer, so the victims can provided assistance and mental support by specialized scientists. The handbook can be found in the web page of the Ministry of Citizen Protection, www.astynomia.gr. It is also available in English.</p>
<p>Trends:</p>	<p>Under the Law 3500/24-10-2006 On domestic violence and other provisions were coded in a single frame dispositions concerning domestic violence. Before this the data were scattered in the Penal Code and in different Special Penal Laws. It is notable that article 8 of the Law provides-for the first timewife's rape and punishes it as a special crime.</p>
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