

TEMPLATE POLICY PAGE

Category:	Domestic Violence
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Main policy page:	<p>It is stated by the researches that in public men suffer from the violence more often, but women more often suffer from violence in the family. Nevertheless, the laws are gender neutral.</p> <p>For several last years, domestic violence has been one of the top legislative priorities of the Government and Seimas. At the end of year 2006 the National Strategy for Reduction of Violence Against Women and every second year - its implementation Plans were adopted. These core documents seek to reduce violence against women in the family by complex means (legislative, complex aid, prevention, institutional development, and working with violators).</p> <p>In March 2009 the working group has been established to prepare special Draft Law on Protection on domestic violence to ensure proper legislative protection for the victims of violence in the families. It was adopted in May 2011, came in to force in December 2011. The Ministry of Social Welfare and Labour is responsible for coordination activities. The mechanism of its implementation is being framed under the interdisciplinary commission of several ministries: when a victim reports about domestic violence case, investigation starts immediately and a police officer is directing the victim to the Center of the social support (founded by the Ministry of social welfare and labor), which is providing the informational, psychological and legal support.</p> <p>In 2014 the State program of the prevention of Domestic Violence and assistance to victims during the 2014-2020 was adopted. Public security policy department of Mol is hosting a web-site www.bukstipri.lt for persons who have experienced violence. Here is relevant legal and other educational information, researches and statistics. This site helps to find tips on how to identify the type of violence, where to turn for help (to find crisis centers and other organizations that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, contacts, free phone numbers that provide information and psychological support and other useful links). People are able to ask questions.</p>
Relevant legislation:	<p>The main documents are:</p> <p><u>Law on protection against domestic violence</u> http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=410975 (in English).</p> <p><u>The Code of Criminal Procedure of the Republic of Lithuania</u> provides that some crimes (general part of domestic violent crimes is among them) have to be investigated by the court as a private charge or must be reported by the</p>

victim to be investigated by the law enforcement institutions. Among other procedural constraint measures the Code also provides an obligation to abuser to live separately from the victim till the court takes decision.
http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=451056 (in Lithuanian).

Temporary protective measures (separation of victim and violator is one of these measures) are also provided by the Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania (Article 3.65) and may be applied while the court is hearing divorce case.
http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=404614 (in English)

State program of the prevention of Domestic Violence and assistance to victims during the 2014-2020
http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=471939&p_tr2=2

Special page of the Police department website
<http://www.policija.lt/index.php?id=14172>

Trends:

Comparison of general crime per 4 years and the influence of domestic violence cases

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
General crime	83273	77734 (-5539/-6,7%)	79582 (+1848/+2,4%)	82564 (+2982/+3,7%)	84970 (+2406/+2,9%)	83003 (-1881/-2,3%)
Criminal acts registered concerning domestic violence (when pretrial investigation was launched)			684 +0,86% common (general) crime {only per 17 days when the law was came into the force from 15/12/2011 till 31/12/2011}	7586 9,2% in common (general) crime	10015 10,5% in common (general) crime	10347 12,5% in common (general) crime

In 2014 the General Crime number is 83003, number of the criminal acts, registered concerning DV – 10 347.

Woman's suffered from criminal activity

	Woman's suffered from spouse, partner or cohabitant										
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
In all	633	464	448	418	359	321	334	618	4582	5635	5325
Village	220	201	202	166	158	131	155	247	1886	2506	2258
Murder	29	28	18	18	18	19	21	17	11	19	15
Severe Health Impairment	20	7	9	9	10	8	7	6	5	7	3
Non-Severe Health Impairment	209	185	184	149	137	102	93	128	264	145	75
Causing Physical Pain or a Negligible Health Impairment	42	35	41	44	61	44	42	234	3683	4916	4742
Threatening	101	124	97	100	55	81	91	143	610	571	508

	to Murder or Cause a Severe Health Impairment to a Person or Terrorisation of a Person											
	Rape, Sexual Assault or Sexual Abuse	5	6	5	5	4	8	11	12	6	8	8
http://www.bukstipri.lt/lt/statistika												

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	http://www.bukstipri.lt/lt/kur-kreiptis	a MOI network for victims of violence

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