

## TEMPLATE POLICY PAGE

Category:	Sexual Crime
Country:	Lithuania
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<b>Main policy page:</b>	<p>Sexual crime constitute a small part of all reported crimes, but by their nature as well as other violent crimes they are very dangerous, create the atmosphere of fear, insecurity and emotional discomfort in the society. According to the criminal law it is serious or grave crime and it always raises great concern in the society.</p> <p>Since 2005 the number of such crimes has been constantly decreasing in Lithuania.</p> <p>Strategic provisions on reducing sexual crime are set and being implemented according to appropriate international documents, national laws and national programmes.</p> <p>Some aspects of the sexual violence problem is being solved through activities to ensure equal rights and responsibilities of genders. National Programme on Equal Opportunities of Women and Men for Year 2010-2014 inter alia deals with violence defeating activities . The new program is set for 2015-2021 year</p> <p><a href="https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/dc012450b1ca11e48296d11f563abfb0">https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/dc012450b1ca11e48296d11f563abfb0</a> (in Lithuanian).</p> <p>The <b>National Crime Prevention and Control Program</b> sets provisions on prevention and control of crimes of violence including sexual violence crime.</p> <p>In 2015 <b>The Public security development program 2015-2025</b> was adopted, it includes objectives and procedures of the National Program for Crime Prevention and Control for 2013-2015, which expires in 2016. The main objectives of this program are to decrease violence level especially in close environment, educate intolerant environment for violence behavior, ensure qualitatively complex support for victims of violence actions, develop special support for persons which tend acting violently.</p>
<b>Relevant legislation:</b>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Criminal Code of the Republic of Lithuania:</a></u></b></p> <p><b>Extract:</b> <b>CHAPTER XXI</b> <b>CRIMES AND MISDEMEANOURS AGAINST FREEDOM OF A PERSON'S SEXUAL SELF-DETERMINATION AND INVOLABILITY</b></p>

**Article 149. Rape**

1. A person who has sexual intercourse with a person against his will by using physical violence or threatening the immediate use thereof or by otherwise depriving of a possibility of resistance or by taking advantage of the helpless state of the victim shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of up to seven years.
2. A person who rapes another person with a group of accomplices shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of up to ten years.
3. A person who rapes a minor shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of three up to ten years.
4. A person who raped a young child shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of three up to fifteen years.
5. A person shall be held liable for an act provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article only subject to a complaint filed by the victim or a statement by his authorized representative or at the prosecutor's request.
6. A legal entity shall also be held liable for the acts provided for in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article.

**Article 150. Sexual Assault**

1. A person who, against a person's will, satisfies his sexual desires through anal, oral or interfemoral intercourse by using physical violence or by threatening the immediate use thereof or by otherwise depriving the victim of a possibility of resistance or by taking advantage of the helpless state of the victim shall be punished by arrest or by imprisonment for a term of up to seven years.
2. A person who carries out the actions provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article together with a group of accomplices shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of up to eight years.
3. A person who carries out the actions provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article in respect of a minor shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of two up to ten years.
4. A person who carries out the actions provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article in respect of a young child shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of three up to thirteen years.
5. A person shall be held liable for an act provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article only subject to a complaint filed by the victim or a statement by his authorized representative or at the prosecutor's request.
6. A legal entity shall also be held liable for an act provided for in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article.

**Article 151. Sexual Abuse**

1. A person who, by threatening to resort to violence, using other mental coercion or by taking advantage of a person's dependency, compels the person to have sexual intercourse with or otherwise satisfy sexual desires of the offender or a third person shall be punished by arrest or by imprisonment for a term of up to three years.

2. A person who carries out the actions provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article in respect of a minor shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of up to five years.

3. A person shall be held liable for an act provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article only subject to a complaint filed by the victim or a statement by his authorized representative or at the prosecutor's request.

4. A legal entity shall also be held liable for an act provided for in paragraph 2 of this Article.

**Article 151<sup>(1)</sup>. Satisfaction of Sexual Desires by Violating a Minor's Freedom of Sexual Self-Determination and/or Inviolability**

1. A person who has sexual intercourse or otherwise satisfied his sexual desires with a minor upon offering, promising to provide or upon providing to him in consideration money or a consideration of another form, in the absence of characteristics of a rape, sexual assault or sexual abuse, shall be punished by community service or by a fine or by restriction of liberty or by arrest or by imprisonment for a term of up to three years.

2. A father, mother, guardian, custodian or another lawful representative of a child or another person holding statutory powers in respect of a minor who has sexual intercourse or otherwise satisfied his sexual desires with that minor, in the absence of characteristics of a rape, sexual assault or sexual abuse, shall be punished by a fine or by restriction of liberty or by arrest or by imprisonment for a term of up to four years.

3. A legal entity shall also be held liable for the acts provided for in this Article.

**Article 152. Sexual Harassment**

1. A person who, in seeking sexual contact or satisfaction, harasses a person subordinate to him in office or otherwise by vulgar or comparable actions or by making offers or hints shall be considered to have committed a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine or by restriction of liberty or by arrest.

2. A person shall be held liable for an act provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article only subject to a complaint filed by the victim or a statement by his authorized representative or at the prosecutor's request.

### **Article 153. Sexual Molestation of a Child**

A person who molests a child shall be punished by a fine or by restriction of liberty or by arrest or by imprisonment for a term of up to two years.

### **National Crime Prevention and Control Programme**

(Extract)

#### *PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE*

**54.** Crimes of violence constitute a small part of all reported crimes but by their nature are very dangerous, create the atmosphere of fear, insecurity and emotional discomfort in the society, and thus prevention and control of such crimes is considered a priority direction of crime prevention and control. People inclined to committing crimes of violence include many socially unadjusted persons (alcohol users, drug users, mentally unstable persons, previously convicted persons, etc.). The following tasks are to be implemented in order to prevent and control crimes of violence:

1) crimes of violence, especially domestic violence, are often related to conflict situations, and thus an important role in their prevention must be given both to general education by increasing the cultural level and special education by developing the ability of settle conflicts without violence;

2) law-enforcement institutions cooperating with health care, social, education and other institutions must receive necessary information about inharmonious families, asocial persons often having conflicts between themselves and control the situation and properly respond in case of the threat of violence or its manifestations, ensure expeditious detection of crimes of violence, thus creating prerequisites for ensuring the implementation of the principle of inevitable liability;

3) apart from administrative or criminal proceedings and other Control measures, corresponding institutions (health care, education, social security, law enforcement, public organizations) must provide social security services for persons apt to violence;

4) seeking to protect people from repeated cases of domestic violence, violence at work, other forcible, desperate, violent actions, to expand and strengthen the network of institutions providing social psychological support in crisis situations;

5) to devote more attention to informing and educating the public about forms, methods and specific ways of self-defense from such criminal attempts;

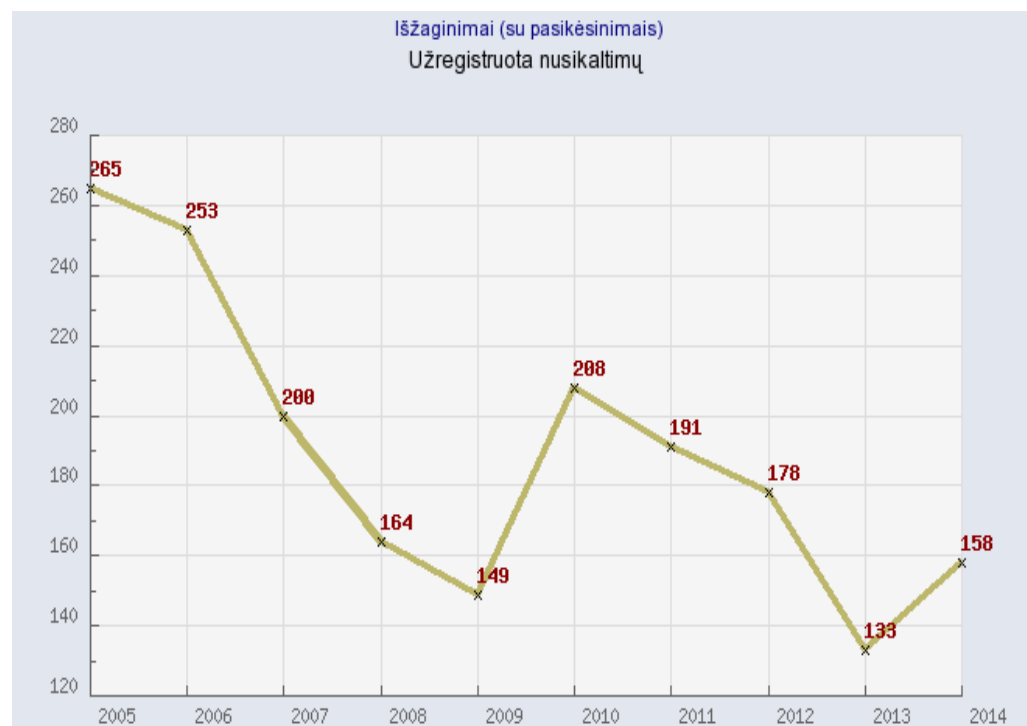
6) to give special attention to restricting violence promotion in the mass media. Before announcing information persons must establish

what impact it will have on the psychological state of the population, their attitude towards the order in the state.

**Trends:**

In 2014 there were 403 registered sexual crimes in Lithuania (in 2013-352, in 2012 – 445, in 2011 – 540, in 2010 -527, in 2009 – 365).

**Rapes with the attempts**



**Rape statistics:**

<b>Rapes (with attempts)</b>										
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Crimes registered	265	253	200	164	149	208	191	178	133	158
Crime quantity exchange rate (comparison with last years) (%)	1.9	-4.5	-20.9	-18	-9.1	39.6	-8.2	-6.8	25.3	18.8
Crimes investigated	172	180	105	125	124	155	156	129	85	120
Crimes investigated (%)	64.9	71.1	52.5	76.2	83.2	74.5	81.7	72.5	63.9	75.9
Criminal offenses per 100 000 population	7.7	7.4	5.9	4.8	4.5	6.3	5.9	5.9	4.5	5.4

<b>Contacts:</b>	<b>National organisations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Police Department under the Ministry of Interior Ministry of Interior <a href="http://www.policija.lt/">http://www.policija.lt/</a></li><li>□ Ministry of Social Security and Labor Gender equality questions, assistance to social risk groups <a href="http://www.socmin.lt/index.php?-170950191">http://www.socmin.lt/index.php?-170950191</a></li><li>□ Ministry of Justice Legal aid - <a href="http://www.teisinepagalba.lt/?top=en&amp;item=en">http://www.teisinepagalba.lt/?top=en&amp;item=en</a></li><li>□ Compensation to crime victims - <a href="http://www.tm.lt/default.aspx?item=smurt&amp;lang=3">http://www.tm.lt/default.aspx?item=smurt&amp;lang=3</a></li><li>□ Ministry of Interior <a href="http://www.bukstipri.lt/en/">http://www.bukstipri.lt/en/</a></li><li>□ Lithuanian coalition of non-governmental organizations for protection of women's human rights <a href="http://www.women-coalition.webinfo.lt/index.htm">http://www.women-coalition.webinfo.lt/index.htm</a></li><li>□ Women's issues information centre <a href="http://www.lygus.lt/">http://www.lygus.lt/</a></li></ul>
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