

TEMPLATE POLICY PAGE

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Relevant legislation:	<p>Criminal law in the Slovak Republic is governed by Act No. 300/2005 Coll., Criminal Act, and Act No. 301/2005 Coll., Rules of Criminal Procedure, both effective from 1 January 2006. In the fourth chapter of Criminal Act, special provisions on prosecution of young persons are listed. There are specified circumstances of criminal responsibility (in the Slovak Republic, persons of 14 years and older have criminal responsibility; this amendment became effective as of 1 January 2006), cease of punishment, imposition of sanctions and educational measures, abandonment of punishment of young perpetrators, furthermore, circumstances of imposition of protective education, educational measure, educational obligations and limitations, admonition and warning and types of punishments. Pursuant to the provisions of sixth section, fourth chapter, the following penalties can be inflicted on a young perpetrator: obligatory work, money penalty, forfeiture, ban on conduct, expulsion and imprisonment. In case of young persons, sentence of imprisonment is reduced to a half of penal rate set for individual crimes, whereby an upper limit of reduced penal rate must not exceed seven years and lower limit thereof must not exceed two years. In the seventh chapter of Rules of Criminal Procedure concerning special methods of procedure, the second section "Proceedings against Young Persons" sets conditions, under which young persons are criminally prosecuted.</p> <p>According to Article 336, a young person must have a defender after a charge was brought. In Rules of Criminal Procedure, second section, sixth chapter, includes other provisions concerning examination of a witness. In Article 135, rules are set for examination of a witness who is under 15. Pursuant to the provisions of the said Article, a pedagogue or other person having experience with education of young persons or expert takes part in examination to contribute to a proper conduct of examination. In 2004, the Police Headquarters issued "Methodology of collaboration in searching for, detecting, clarifying and documenting crimes committed on children and young persons and crimes committed by young persons" specifying basic information on methods and measures taken if perpetrators and victims are persons of 18 years and younger. Owing to organizational changes, adoption of new legal codes in the area of criminal law, social policy, health service and education system, it will be necessary to elaborate a new methodology. Pursuant to internal regulations, each regional and district Police Head office has an appointed employee of criminal police who deals with crimes of young people as well as with crimes committed on young people.</p> <p>* As this is not an official translation this legislation is unofficial</p>
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Year	Total Crime			Crime committed by person up to age			
	Occurrence	Resolved	%	6 - 14 yrs.	15 - 18 yrs.	Total	%
2008	104 759	45 696	43,62	1 225	5 269	6 494	6,20
2009	104 905	49 453	47,14	1 090	4 930	6 020	5,74
2010	95 252	46 725	49,05	1 105	4 282	5 387	5,66
2011	92 873	47 182	50,80	1 112	4 216	5 328	5,74
2012	90 351	47 883	53,00	845	3 669	4 514	5,00
2013	89 677	48 723	54,33	783	3 615	4 398	4,90

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	<p>Ministry of Interior of the SR – Presidium of the Police Corps; Prevention Department http://www.minv.sk/?policia</p> <p>Ministry of Education of the SR – special educational facilities for children and young people with problematic behaviour; educational consultants; http://www-8.vlada.gov.sk/index.php?ID=970</p> <p>Research Institute of Children Psychology and Patho-psychology http://www.vudpap.sk/</p> <p>Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the SR – social workers, Divisions of Social and Legal Protection of Children and Social Guardianship; http://www.employment.gov.sk/new/index.php?SMC=1&id=15</p> <p>Centre for the International Legal Protection of Children and Youth, http://www.cipc.sk/</p> <p>Ministry of Justice of the SR – Prison for Young Persons http://www.justice.gov.sk/</p> <p>Office of Public Protector of Rights (ombudsman); http://www.vop.gov.sk/ochrana_prav/legislativa/deklaracia/</p> <p>UNICEF http://www.unicef.sk/kontakt/</p> <p>Slovak National Centre for Human Rights http://www.snslp.sk/rs/snslp_rs.nsf/vdb_HomePage/homepage_S?OpenDocument</p>

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