

**Information provided by the Ministry of Internal Affairs,
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on violence against Women, its Causes and Consequences**

As work with offenders is among the important elements in preventing domestic violence, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine (MIA) has sent to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine an Analytical Review of International Experience in Regulating the Terms and Procedure of Administrative Detention of Offenders for Domestic Violence, as well as proposals for amendments to the legislation which means the regulating the terms and procedure for the administrative detention of offenders for domestic violence.

The following informational events have been held: the annual 16 Days Against Violence campaign; a joint exhibition of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the National Police on combating domestic violence "The Thing Is" (<https://richutim.rozirvykolo.org>).

The following information resources have been created: dedicated section on the website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs on combating and preventing domestic violence <https://mvs.gov.ua/uk/activity/domestic-violence>, chatbot of the Ministry of Internal Affairs on combating domestic violence in Telegram @police_helpbot and Viber: <https://tinyurl.com/y8rgatt9>, educational series "Online Tools for Combating Domestic Violence" <https://osvita.diia.gov.ua/courses/countering-domestic-violence>.

In addition, information materials on preventing and combating domestic and gender-based violence are on a regular basis created and disseminated in accordance with the established procedure via comprehensive and objective informing of citizens through the media. The News column of the Press Centre section and the Equal Rights and Opportunities column of the Activities section on the official website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine have been operationalized via media outlet mode.

The sectoral website is systematically and promptly updated; the information coverage is provided on the MIA Facebook, Twitter, Instagram social media accounts, Telegram channel and YouTube video hosting platform.

In addition, officials of the Department of Communication have created and published informational videos on combating domestic violence on the official channel of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine on the YouTube video hosting platform. These videos were broadcasted via the program "Police Wave" ("Politseiska Hvyliia") on Espresso TV channel: on 24 September 2021 — the Ministry of Internal Affairs keeps breaking down barriers: there are 6 projects for people with hearing impairments (with the participation of Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine Kateryna Pavlichenko and Adviser to the Minister Anton Herashchenko) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BAXPsz0IE&t=139s>, on 13 July 2021 — the Exposition "The Thing Is" on combating domestic violence received the highest award — the Grand Prix (with the participation of Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine Kateryna Pavlichenko) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQUJWLVXKFI>

In addition, information materials are sent to the editorial offices of the leading media. The videos entitled "Security Plan in Case of Domestic Violence" and "If You Are a Witness to Domestic Violence, Try to Help!" have been posted on the official page of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine on Facebook social network and Telegram channel. These videos were created in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund in Ukraine and the National Police of Ukraine with the support of the British Embassy Kyiv as part of the "Break the Circle" campaign.

According to the information provided by the National Police of Ukraine, in 2021, the National Police of Ukraine received 239,859 (157,765 in 2020) complaints and reports on domestic violence cases, of which 4,973 were filed by children.

67,700 administrative offence reports on domestic violence, gender-based violence, failure to comply with an urgent injunction or failure to notify the place of one's temporary stay (Article 173-2 of the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offences) have been drawn up by police and 3,689 criminal investigations for committing domestic violence crimes have been initiated.

In total, police detected more than 112.9 thousand (102,9 thousand in 2020) administrative offences under Article 173-2 of the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offences and almost 81.5 thousand people who committed them, of which 9,917 people (12.1%) committed them repeatedly (9,755 (12.9%) in 2020). At the same time, the police used a special measure to combat domestic violence — issuing an urgent injunction against the offender.

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Since the beginning of 2021, 37,354 such injunctions have been issued (17,306 by district police officers, 6,938 by juvenile prevention departments, 1,633 by patrol force, 9,868 by patrol force response units and 1,609 by other units). These injunctions were issued in connection with the obligation to leave the place of residence (stay) of the victim — 9,674, ban on entry and stay in the place of residence (stay) of the victim — 10,462, ban on any contact with the victim — 33,652.

Pursuant to Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Article 10 of the Law of Ukraine “On Prevention and Counteraction to Domestic Violence”, during this period, 201 persons had their licences for the right to purchase, store, carry weapons and ammunition revoked (263 in 2020).

Since the beginning of 2021, 3,228 (2,544 in 2020) criminal proceedings for criminal offences related to domestic violence have been investigated, of which 69 have been investigated under Article 115 (Premeditated Murder) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, 71 under Article 121 (Intended Grievous Bodily Injury), 71 under Article 122 (Intended Bodily Injury of Medium Gravity), 1,046 under Article 125 (Intended Minor Bodily Injury), 82 under Article 126 (Battery and Torture), 1,636 under Article 126-1 (Domestic Violence) (1,321 in 2020).

More than 88.3 thousand persons who committed domestic violence are registered with the National Police of Ukraine (81.9 thousand in 2020). In particular, 156 offenders are registered in connection with the issuance of a restrictive order (108 in 2020).

In January 2021, during the reform of territorial (separate) police units of the Main Departments of the National Police in the regions, in accordance with the new administrative-territorial structure of the subregional level, with due consideration of the effectiveness of specialized teams — mobile groups to respond to domestic violence (hereinafter — mobile groups), 30 full-time units — sectors for combating domestic violence (except for Kyiv region and the City of Kyiv) have been created in the structure of departments/sectors on prevention of the offices/divisions of the National Police of Ukraine, within which 39 of such mobile groups operate.

At present, there are in total 86 mobile groups in 67 cities.

During 2021, the mobile groups made 71.1 thousand visits related to domestic violence cases. While responding to these police calls, 30.9 thousand victims of domestic violence were registered, 24.1 thousand of which are women, 4.1 thousand – men and 2.7 thousand – children.

Out of the total number of reports on domestic violence in 4,400 cases domestic violence was committed repeatedly by a person who is registered as a domestic violence perpetrator in the national register.

Police officers of mobile groups issued 14,761 urgent injunctions against the offenders.

Mobile groups also took administrative measures against perpetrators. During 2021, they drew up 23,762 administrative offence reports under Article 173-2 of the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offences.

1,212 cases of criminal offences related to domestic violence were registered in the unified register of pretrial investigations, of which there were 8 under Article 122 (Intended Bodily Injury of Medium Gravity); 762 – under Article 125 (Intended Minor Bodily Injury); 383 – under Article 126-1 (Domestic Violence); 50 – under Article 390-1 (Non-compliance with Restrictive Measures or Restrictive Regulations or Non-compliance With the Program for Abusers).

In pursuance of Paragraph 36 of the Procedure, the mobile groups provided health care services to the victims in 1,604 cases, carried out 19,023 measures to provide psychological assistance, sent the victims to the shelter or other institution providing shelter services in 312 cases, informed the office of children's services in 3,298 cases.

19.1 thousand persons were placed under supervision as a preventive measure, 33.9 thousand preventive conversations with perpetrator were conducted, 11.4 thousand cases were monitored to ensure compliance with the requirements of temporarily restrictive measures, and 1,185 joint raids with social services were held to perform preventive work in families where domestic violence is committed.

In February-September 2021, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund in Ukraine and the European Union Advisory Mission in Ukraine for Civil Security Sector Reform in Ukraine, trainings on preventing and combating domestic violence were conducted for heads of sectors on combating domestic violence and police officers involved in mobile group activities.

In March 2021, Methodological Recommendations on the organisation of the activities of the sectors on combating domestic violence of the prevention departments/sectors of the offices/divisions of the National Police of Ukraine were developed and approved.

In addition, the National Police of Ukraine, with the support of the European Union Advisory Mission in Ukraine for Civil Security Sector Reform in Ukraine, updated and shared with its units information booklets “Algorithm of Policeman’s Actions in a Situation of Domestic Violence” and “Combating Domestic Violence” for usage and dissemination, namely among victims of domestic violence.

According to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 22 August 2018 No. 658 “On Approval of the Procedure of Interaction Between the Entities Involved in Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence and Gender-Based Violence”, Ministry of Social Policy is assigned with the responsibility to coordinate prevention of domestic violence cases at the national level.

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 24 February 2021 No. 145 approved the State Social Program for Prevention and Counteraction to Domestic Violence and Gender-Based Violence until 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the Program). The Program provides for the

improvement of the system of prevention and counteraction to domestic and gender-based violence; introduction of a systematic response to violence; providing victims with access to comprehensive services focused on their needs; providing quality social services to victims of violence. Additionally, it envisages the formation of an intolerant attitude to violence in society; raising public awareness of the forms, manifestations, causes and consequences of domestic violence and gender-based violence; providing each victim with information about his/her rights and opportunities to exercise such rights.

Within the Program, it is planned to create a unified approach to the development and expansion of the network of shelters and the appropriate infrastructure for victims of domestic and/or gender-based violence.

The Program envisages the following steps:

- development of standardized programs for survivors of domestic violence and/or gender-based violence and the appropriate programs for the offenders' children together with methodological recommendations for their implementation;
- statistical reporting forms, etc.; creation of specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and/or gender-based violence (shelters, mobile teams of social and psychological assistance, day centres of social and psychological assistance/specialised services of primary socio-psychological counselling) (hereinafter referred to as the specialised services);
- updating the National Standards to ensure the inclusion of the provisions on the non-violent behaviour values in the preschool, primary, secondary, vocational, higher education;
- introduction of measures to ensure an individual approach to the interrogation of children, regardless of their status in criminal proceedings;
- involvement of business in the development of a system for preventing and combating violence and/or gender-based violence, including the prevention of violence in labour collectives as part of corporate social responsibility.

As part of establishing systematic work on responding to cases of domestic violence and/or gender-based violence and improving the performance of the Government Hotline 15-47, the Ministry of Social Policy has developed a draft roadmap for improving the efficiency of the Government hotline 15-47, which was approved on 22 April 2021.

The Law of Ukraine "On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2021" provides for expenses in the amount of UAH 274,200.0 thousand under the budget program KPKVK (Code of Program Classification of Expenditures and Crediting of Local Budgets) 2511240 "Subvention from the State Budget to Local Budgets to Create a Network of Specialised Support Services for Victims of Domestic and/or Gender-Based Violence" (hereinafter referred to as the Subvention). The funds under the mentioned subvention will be given to 124 communities to establish and improve the activities of specialised services.

In total, on the territory of Ukraine, due to the implementation of the Subvention, 30 new shelters, 38 new day care centres, 58 new counselling services will be established, 41 vehicles will be purchased for mobile teams operating at shelters, and the level of social services provision in 16 existing shelters will be improved.

As for the research conducted, during 2020, the Research Institute of Labour and Employment of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine held:

- sociological research on the manifestations of sexism in relation to female soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, participants in hostilities, border guards, peacekeepers, police officers, National Guards;

- sociological survey on the awareness of different population groups and the quality of assistance in combating domestic and gender-based violence, including in the context of conflict.

As of 1 November 2021, the social services, including the provision of temporary shelters to persons in difficult life circumstances, in particular as a result of domestic and gender-based violence against them, are provided by 584 specialised support services for victims of domestic and/or gender-based violence, including:

- 42 round-the-clock shelters (up to 90 days);
- 24 round-the-clock crisis rooms;
- 20 day centres of social and psychological assistance to the victims of domestic and/or gender-based violence;
- 33 specialised services of primary social and psychological counselling of victims of domestic and/or gender-based violence;
- 435 mobile teams of social and psychological assistance to victims;
- 12 hotlines for preventing and combating domestic violence;
- 18 institutions and establishments for victims of domestic violence.

According to the decision of the operational meeting at the Office of the Prosecutor General on 29 January 2021, combating domestic violence has been identified as one of the priorities of prosecutorial activity for 2021.

Taking into account the Law of Ukraine “On the Amendments to the Criminal and Criminal Procedure Codes of Ukraine in Order to Implement the Provisions of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence” of 6 December 2017 and the formulated conclusions of the Supreme Court during the consideration of criminal proceedings on crimes related to domestic violence, the Unified Register of Pretrial Investigations (hereinafter referred to as the Register), which is held by the Office of the Prosecutor General, has been amended as for registering criminal offences of domestic violence and criminal offences related to domestic violence.

In accordance with international standards for the safety of victims of violence against women and domestic violence and the legislation of Ukraine, the Register highlights information on the nature of violence (physical, sexual, psychological, economic), the subject of its commission (spouse, parents, children, guardians, adoptive parents, caregivers, a person who is an adoptive parent, a person who has been granted the status of a foster parent and other persons prone to domestic violence), criminal offences against women (girls).

The functionality of the Register with the use of these details allows the selection of information on these parameters, from the moment of a criminal offence registration in the system to the entry into force of a court decision in criminal proceedings. Some of the mentioned information is summarised in the administrative reports, Form No.1 “Uniform Report on Criminal Offences”, which is automatically generated monthly based on the data entered by users in the Register. In particular, the reports include data on the number of reported crimes related to domestic violence, the consequences of their investigation, as well as the number of victims, including women and children.

In addition, in order to develop the professional competence of prosecutors, the Office of the Prosecutor General has developed a special course containing training modules on the peculiarities of organisation of the procedural guidance and support of public prosecution in criminal proceedings for criminal offences related to domestic and sexual violence committed against children.
