

The Law of Protection against Domestic Violence - Lithuania

To formulate a multidimensional approach to domestic violence, violence against women, children, elderly and disabled people:

1. To define domestic violence and its forms
2. To define a perpetrator and a circle of victims of domestic violence
3. To make provisions that the public prosecutor could initiate criminal proceedings in cases of family violence
4. To regulate criminal, civil, administrative, police laws and create service provision that include:
 - Provision of a variety of legal measures against domestic violence
 - Provision for rapid protective measures of victims of domestic violence
 - Provision for protective, preventive and punitive measures
 - Provision for women's safety by separating the offender from the victim
 - Provision for social assistance, emergency care and specialized professional help for
 - victims of domestic violence
 - Provision for taking safety of children who face domestic violence or are victims of domestic violence
 - Provision for awareness-raising and intervention measures
 - Provision for rehabilitation work with an offender
 - To make the mechanism of compensating material and nonmaterial damage of criminal offence simpler
 - Coordinate efforts of the state institutions and NGOs activities in combating domestic violence
5. To collect and analyse data on domestic violence and make research on domestic violence, to examine the results of lessening domestic violence in society
6. To use media in combating domestic violence