

Kateryna H. Vlad. Some aspects of improving criminal liability for domestic violence against children. There is the search for optimal ways to improve domestic legislation in terms of criminal liability for domestic violence against children. It has been established that all persons who are victims of domestic violence are under the same criminal legal protection, as the responsibility for domestic violence against them is provided in a single criminal law with a single punishment.

There are cases in court practice where a person guilty of domestic violence against an adult family member has received a more severe punishment than domestic violence against a child. However, a situation where a domestic abuser of a child receives a milder punishment than an adult abuser is not fully in line with the principle of the fairness of criminal law. The author has stated that the social danger of domestic violence against children, especially minors, is much higher than violence against adults, as it has a negative impact on the formation of personality, in particular, generates new generations of domestic abusers. As an adult, a child who is abused at home is more likely to be prone to such violence or to commit any other crime related to violence.

The author has concluded that it is expedient to consider the issue of establishing increased criminal liability for domestic violence against minors, compared to adults. For this purpose, it is possible to amend Article 126-1 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine with a qualified type of domestic violence – domestic violence committed against a minor child.

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