

Please, see the extract of Law on Protection from Domestic Violence (LPDV):

Chapter One "General Provisions"

Art. (1) (amend. - SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) This Law shall regulate:

1. the rights of persons victims of domestic violence or at risk;
2. measures for protection from domestic violence;
3. the bodies and mechanisms for the implementation of the state policy for prevention and protection from domestic violence and the interaction between them;
4. the prevention programmes and specialised services for the provision of protection, assistance and support to victims of domestic violence or persons at risk;
5. proceedings for the imposition of measures for protection from domestic violence;
6. measures implementing Regulation (EU) No 606/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 June 2013 on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters (OJ L 181/4 of 29 June 2013), hereinafter referred to as 'Regulation (EU) No 606/2013'.

(2) (new - SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) The State shall pursue a coherent policy in the field of domestic violence by coordinating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies and measures for the prevention and protection from domestic violence.

(3) (Suppl. - 102 of 2009, in force from 22.12.2009, former paragraph 2, amend., issue 66 of 2023, in force from 1.01.2024) The measures under this Law shall not exclude the civil, administrative and criminal liability of the perpetrator.

Art. 1a. (new, SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) The Law shall aim to provide prompt and effective protection and assistance and support to persons who are victims of domestic violence or at risk, and to exercise a preventive and deterrent effect on the perpetrator of violence.

Art. 2. (amend. - SG 102/09, in force from 22.12.2009) (1) (amend. - SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024, suppl, 69 of 2023) Domestic violence shall be any act of physical, sexual, psychological or economic violence, as well as the attempt of such violence, the forced restriction of privacy, personal freedom and personal rights committed against persons who are related, who are or have been in a family relationship or in a de facto conjugal or intimate relationship.

(2) (amend. - SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) Any domestic violence committed in the presence of a child shall also be deemed to be psychological violence against the child.

(3) (new - SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) The acts referred to in par. 1 and 2 may be committed by act or omission.

Art. 3. Any person who has suffered domestic violence committed by:

1. a spouse or former spouse;
2. (suppl. - SG 69/2023) a person with whom he is or has been in a de facto conjugal cohabitation or in an intimate relationship;
3. a person from whom he has a child;
4. a descendant;
5. a descendant;
6. (amend. - SG 102/09, in force from 22.12.2009) a person with whom he is related by consanguinity up to and including the fourth degree;
7. (amend. - SG 102/09, in force from 22.12.2009) a person with whom he is or has been related by consanguinity up to and including the third degree;
8. (amend. - SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) a guardian, a custodian, a person entrusted with the care of the child or a person entrusted with the care of the child;

9. (new - SG 102/09, in force as of 22.12.2009, amended, SG 66/2023, in force as of 1.01.2024, SG 69/2023) a person who is related by consanguinity or affinity up to and including the fourth degree to the person with whom he or she is or has been in a de facto conjugal or intimate relationship;

10. (new - SG 102/09, in force from 22.12.2009, suppl. SG 69/2023) a person with whom the parent is or has been in a de facto conjugal cohabitation or in an intimate relationship;

11. (new - SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) a person who is a spouse or former spouse of the parent.

(1) In case of domestic violence, the victim shall have the right to apply to the court for protection.

(2) (new, SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) At the request of the victim, the state and municipal authorities, medical institutions and legal entities carrying out activities for the prevention and protection from domestic violence shall be obliged within 24 hours to forward to the relevant district court the application for initiation of proceedings for issuing a protection order.

(3) (amend. - 82 of 2006, SG 102 of 2009, in force from 22.12.2009, former para. 2, SG 66 of 2023, in force from 1.01.2024) In cases where there is evidence of danger to the life or health of the injured person, he/she may also submit an application to the authorities of the Ministry of the Interior for taking measures in accordance with the Law on the Ministry of the Interior.

(4) (former para. 3 - SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) At the request of the injured person, every doctor shall be obliged to issue a document certifying in writing the injuries or signs of violence he has found.

Art. 5. (1) (amend. - SG 102/09, in force from 22.12.2009) The measures for protection from domestic violence shall be:

1. obliging the perpetrator to refrain from committing domestic violence;

2. removal of the perpetrator from the jointly occupied dwelling for the period determined by the court;

3. - 102 of 2009, in force as of 22.12.2009, SG 66 of 2023, in force as of 1.01.2024) prohibiting the perpetrator from approaching the victim, the victim's home, place of work and places of social contact and recreation under conditions and for a period determined by the court;

4. (new - SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) prohibition of the offender to make contact with the victim in any form, including by telephone, by electronic or ordinary mail and fax, as well as by any other means and systems of communication under conditions and for a period of time determined by the court;

5. (former item 4, supplemented by SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) temporary determination of the child's residence with the injured parent or with the parent who did not commit the violence, under conditions and for a period of time determined by the court, if this does not conflict with the interests of the child;

6. (former item 5, supplemented by SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) obliging the perpetrator of the violence to attend specialised programmes for overcoming aggression and dealing with anger;

7. (former item 6, amend. - SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) referring the victims to specialised protection, assistance and support services or recovery programmes.

8. (new - SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) referring child victims to specialised protection, assistance and support services for child victims or witnesses of violence.

(2) (Amend. - 102 of 2009, in force from 22.12.2009, amended and supplemented, issue 66 of 2023, in force from 1.01.2024) The measures under par. 1, items 2 to 5 shall be imposed for a

period of three to 18 months, counting the period of validity of the measures in case of an immediate protection order under Articles 18 and 19.

(3) (new, SG 102/09, in force from 22.12.2009, amended, SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) In proceedings under this Law the court shall make a mandatory assessment of the imposition of the measure under par. 1(5) where the victim and the perpetrator have a child.

(4) (Former par. (3) - SG 102/09, in force from 22.12.2009, amended, SG 66/2023, in force from 1.01.2024) The court may order as a protective measure that the regime of personal relations, determined under the Family Code, between the child and the parent who is the perpetrator of domestic violence, be carried out for the period referred to in paragraph 2 in a protected environment provided in a specialised service under this Act or provided by a social service provider at the child's current address or place of residence, under the supervision of a psychologist or social worker.