



**Otázka:** Crime and punishment

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### Reasons for committing a crime:

There are many reasons why people commit crime. Some of them have social problems or they can be unemployed. They have problems with money, they are jealous or they might be mentally ill. Some of them commit a crime because of revenge. Crime will always be in all societies and the only thing known is that we must protect us and our children.

### Types of crime:

The system includes three types of crime: **minor crimes** -for example: making noise (it's anti-social behaviour), speeding, vandalism. It isn't so bad and dangerous. **Crimes against property**- for example: forgery (is the process of making, adapting, or imitating objects, statistics, or documents), burglary (illegal entry into a building), robbery (the crime of taking or attempting to take something of value by force or threat of force or by putting the victim in fear) or shoplifting. **Violent crimes**- rape (sexual attack), kidnapping (the taking away or transportation of a person against that person's will, usually to hold the person in false imprisonment, a confinement without legal authority), mugging (a type of street robbery). We have different laws and punishment in each country.

### Investigation:

Police start to investigate the crime. Firstly, someone has to report crime. Police should take photos, collect fingerprints, voices, biology materials on the crime scene. They try to find some witnesses (it's the person who saw the crime), question him or her and ultimately they find

suspect and question her or him. They arrest suspect and we have a trial. There is the suspect with lawyer/defender, judge, witnesses and in the USA we have also jury. In the USA jury is really important. They decide if suspect is guilty or innocent. In the Czech Republic the most important person is judge. If suspect is guilty we have a lot of punishments which we can use. It depends on case and the severity of the crime. For example for minor crimes we have: community work service, fine, probation or prison, life sentence or you have to pay reparation for victim. Life sentence is the worst punishment in the Czech Republic because capital punishment was abolished in 1989. People have different opinions on the capital punishment. The prisoners sometimes have really good conditions-they have bed, meal, television, they needn't work and it isn't fair.

We can reduce crime but it's really difficult. We can give people more work, parents should educate children in the right way, You should not give your private information to foreign people.