

How much does domestic violence cost?

Five years of imprisonment and fifty thousand Moldovan lei – non-pecuniary damage for domestic violence.

The victim, mother of three children, claims that her husband had abused her physically and mentally for 15 years. Although she repeatedly asked the competent authorities for help, they failed to take appropriate measures to protect her.

In July 2015, the victim's husband, being under the influence of alcohol, intentionally hit her once with a knife in the abdomen. According to the forensic report, the bodily injuries were qualified as severe and life-threatening. As a result, the victim was hospitalized and underwent a surgical intervention to remove her spleen. As a consequence, she received the severe disability degree.

On 16 December 2015, Leova Court of Law pronounced a sentence that found the perpetrator guilty of committing the crime envisioned in Article 201¹ (3) (a) of the Criminal Code – Domestic Violence causing serious damages to body or health.

The perpetrator was sentenced to five years of imprisonment in a closed penitentiary. The victim is to receive the non-pecuniary damage in the amount of fifty thousand Moldovan lei.

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