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## PREVENTION OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES AS ONE OF THE MAIN TASKS OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE NATIONAL POLICE OF UKRAINE

The article investigates the prevention of criminal offenses as one of the main tasks and functions of the activity of the National Police of Ukraine for preventing criminal offenses and crimes, which are committed primarily to test the factors that predetermine it, their existence in modern conditions of development of society, state and its institutions. The essence and content of the prevention of criminal offenses and crimes by the police, which should be conditioned by the state of crime itself as determined by subjective and objective factors evolutionary variability of human propensity to commit criminal offenses and their manifestations in the form of the actual commission to eliminate, limit and terminate. Established, that the preventive potential of the police activity consists in counteracting negative phenomena and processes that contribute to the reproduction or increase in the level of criminal offenses, stimulates law-abiding behavior of the person, reduces social contradictions, criminogenic confrontation of different segments of the population, the level of unemployment, increases the standard of living of people, creating other necessary conditions for increasing the level of sustainable law and order in our state.

The basic functions of the police to prevent criminal offenses in accordance with its tasks are disclosed, in particular: 1) implementation of preventive and preventive activities aimed at preventing the commission of offenses; 2) identification of causes and conditions contributing to the commission of criminal offenses, taking measures within their competence to eliminate them; 3) taking measures to detect criminal offenses and their termination.

The author's concepts are outlined: "prevention of criminal offenses by the National Police of Ukraine"; "general and individual prevention and prevention of criminal offenses by the National Police", and also formulated reasonable proposals for the improvement of legislation in the field of prevention of criminal offenses and crimes by the police.

**Keywords:** prevention, criminal offenses, misdemeanors, crimes, prevention, avoidance, termination, agencies, National Police.

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