

Risky behaviour in Slovenian correctional institutions

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The paper presents the findings of a research project, the principal aim of which was to investigate risky behaviour and its extent in Slovenian correctional institutions. Research attention was focused in particular on such conduct as the use of drugs, violence, tattooing, sexual relations and, in this connection, the prevalence of infection in prisoners with blood and sexually transmitted viruses. The analysis confirmed all examined forms of risky behaviour, determined their extent and identified the group which is the most at risk in prisons. In conclusion, some recommendations have been given which could contribute to the reduction of various risks to which inmates, prison staff as well as the larger community, are exposed.

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