

Seminar "Interdisciplinary education to increase the safety of seniors"

April 2, 2024

On April 2, 2024, the planned seminar "**Interdisciplinary education to increase the safety of seniors**" took place as part of the PDP1 project "Increasing police competence in preventing and combating crime, strengthening communication skills with the public and awareness of human rights". The event took place online.

The aim of the seminar was to comprehensively address the issue of fraudulent activities targeting seniors, subtitled "Senior as an easy target." The seminar was aimed at prevention coordinators from regional police directorates and the Police Presidium.

In the Czech Republic, a person who has reached the age of 60 is generally associated with the term "senior", in most of the investigated cases, the victims are between the ages of 75 and 90. Seniors are trusting, vulnerable, lonely, willing to help others, and precisely because of these characteristics and their health and possibly psychological condition, they become a "suitable target" for criminal activity. Seniors belong to a group of particularly vulnerable victims.

The issue of fraudulent activities targeting seniors, illustrated with practical examples and current trends in this criminal activity, was presented by Lt. Col. Ing. Jaroslava Šebestová from the Bureau of Criminal Police and Investigation Service.

The second part of the seminar focused on the case of the Stodola spouses, also in connection with the movie that was shown in cinemas. The lecture was led by Lt. Col. PaedDr. Jan Lomnický from the Regional Police Directorate of the Hradec Králové Region, who, as a criminal investigator, participated in the investigation of murders of seniors. The lecture focused on preventive work possibilities in relation to this group of society.

All preventive officers of the Police of the Czech Republic took part in the seminar.