

Country File
SLOVAKIA



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Region	Europe
Legal system	Civil Law
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Relevant Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution of 1992 • Penal Code of 20 May 2005 (Law No. 300, 2005)
Relevant Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibition of Torture: Article 16 of the Constitution • Definition of Torture: Section 259a of the Penal Code • Penalties: Section 259a of the Penal Code
Languages Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English
Other Relevant Information	

Relevant Articles – SLOVAKIA

ENGLISH (Translation)

Constitution of 1992

Article 16

- (1) ...
- (2) No person shall be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Penal Code of 20 May 2005 (Law No. 300, 2005)

Section 259a Torture and other inhuman and cruel treatment

- (1) Any person, who in connection with the exercise of his powers of the official of a State authority or local government body, causes another person physical or mental suffering by ill-treatment, torture or other inhuman and cruel treatment, shall be liable to a term of imprisonment of one to six months, or to a sentence of the ban on professional activity.
- (2) The offender shall be liable to a term of imprisonment of one to five years if:
 - (a) He commits the offence referred to in paragraph (1) as a public official,
 - (b) He commits the offence referred to in paragraph (1) in association with at least two more persons,
 - (c) He is committing the offence referred to in paragraph (1) over a longer period of time.
- (3) The offender shall be liable to a term of imprisonment of 5 to 10 years also if through the commission of the offence referred to in paragraph (1) he causes serious bodily harm.
- (4) The offender shall be liable to a term of imprisonment of 8 to 15 years if through the commission of the offence referred to in paragraph (1) he causes death.