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## **CRIMINOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION OF REASONS OF DRUG ADDICTION IN UKRAINE**

In Ukraine drug addiction increases every year and scientists say it is equivalent to the epidemic. Mankind should understand that drug use not only is injurious to health but also kills.

There is a close inextricable link between drugs and crime, as drug addiction has been one of the most difficult components of background events. Each year drug addicts and people in a state of drug intoxication commit over 24 thousand crimes.

Spreading of drug abuse in our country is determined by several circumstances. Firstly, Ukraine is a significant source of raw materials for the manufacture of drugs. This fact attracts into Ukraine dis-

tributors of drugs from other CIS countries. They involve villagers who harvest and sell poppy straw in the criminal business. Secondly, Ukraine is located on major international routes, and its borders are not properly secured. Just as law enforcement officers stop distributors of drugs of plant origin from abroad, much more dangerous synthetic drugs appear.

Drug addiction in society is a medical, social and legal problem. This suggests that it is necessary to ensure the political, social stability in the country. Fighting with this negative social phenomenon should be carried out not only where it thrives, but also where it may appear.