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**INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE OF PROTECTION OF INSTITUTIONS
FOR PRISONERS (THEORETICAL AND APPLIED ASPECTS)**

Continuous attempts to develop modern penal doctrine of our country make it necessary to study international experience of the penal systems in different countries. Without a moderate understanding of the purpose and principles of their operation it is very difficult to choose a model that would meet the current conditions of Ukraine. This determines the relevance of the study of a wide range of issues and activities of penal institutions. Besides that, such an activity of any penal institution as protection of convicted deserves special attention.

In view of conducted analysis of protection of institutions for prisoners, it should be noted that the penitentiary system of the most developed countries is organized in such a way that its priority is strict isolation of the most dangerous criminals and high security of personnel of the institution. However, for systems of most European countries, the protection of prisoners is a minor task in comparison with ideas about the integration of criminals into society and return to their normal lifestyle. Extrapolating goals, objectives, organization of protection in foreign countries to Ukrainian conditions, first it is necessary to borrow logistical, communicative support of guard units as domestic penitentiary system is not ready to change its essence in treatment of prisoners and goals of criminal punishment.

