In the article, the author gives a very topical issue, namely the lack of a unified approach to clarify the understanding and the interpretation of rather common concepts and categories that exist in combating family violence. Their clarification gets complicated not only because of a different approach to their definition, but for reasons not entirely successful in their legal definition. That’s why the definitions of «violence», «assault», «the field of family relations» is of great scientific as well as practical importance, particularly for the correct application of the law, sentencing, and separating related offences.

The author did the research in different positions and opinions of legal scholars on the definition of these concepts, and analyzes the current Law of Ukraine «On Prevention of Domestic Violence» and «The Bill of stopping domestic violence prevention» to define these categories. As a result, the author is suggesting its own definition of the notion of «violent attacks in family relationships» at which proposes to understand socially dangerous, guilty, wrongful acts committed against a member of the family or other person’s, with which family relationships existed, that infringes on the rights, freedom and legitimate interests of individuals, causing physical, moral or material damage or threatens the infliction such damage.

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