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These factsheets explain what happens when a person is suspected of or accused of a crime which is dealt with by a trial in court. For information on minor offences like road traffic offences, which are usually dealt with by a fixed penalty like a fine, go to Factsheet 5. If you are the victim of a crime, you can find full information about your rights here.

Summary of the criminal process

The following is a summary of the normal stages in the criminal process in the Slovak Republic:

The pre-trial process consists of the following stages:

Prior to criminal prosecution;
Investigation (preparatory proceedings).

The trial process consists of the following stages:

Preliminary review and examination of the indictment;
Main trial;
Appeal;
Appeal to the Supreme Court;
Reopening of the case and other legal options;
Execution process that is carrying out the sentence.

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