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Q & A



Strangulation and Intimate Partner Violence

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How do I explain to a client that strangulation is attempted murder?



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Why is strangulation a more serious offense?

What makes it concerning to you?



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How prevalent is strangulation in intimate partner violence compared to other forms of physical violence?



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Why do strangulation victims seem more hesitant to follow through with the criminal process than other physical violence victims?



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Any suggestions on how to convince a client to seek medical attention?



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Why do you believe non-fatal strangulation is compared to fatal strangulation? Is there some warning sign that the former will progress to the latter?



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What signs and symptoms should officers look for?



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SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF STRANGULATION

NEUROLOGICAL

- Loss of memory
- Loss of consciousness
- Behavioral changes
- Loss of sensation
- Extremity weakness
- Difficulty speaking
- Fainting
- Urination
- Defecation
- Vomiting
- Dizziness
- Headaches

SCALP

- Petechiae
- Bald spots (*from hair being pulled*)
- Bump to the head (*from blunt force trauma or falling to the ground*)

EYES & EYELIDS

- Petechiae to eyeball
- Petechiae to eyelid
- Bloody red eyeball(s)
- Vision changes
- Droopy eyelid

EARS

- Ringing in ears
- Petechiae on earlobe(s)
- Bruising behind the ear
- Bleeding in the ear

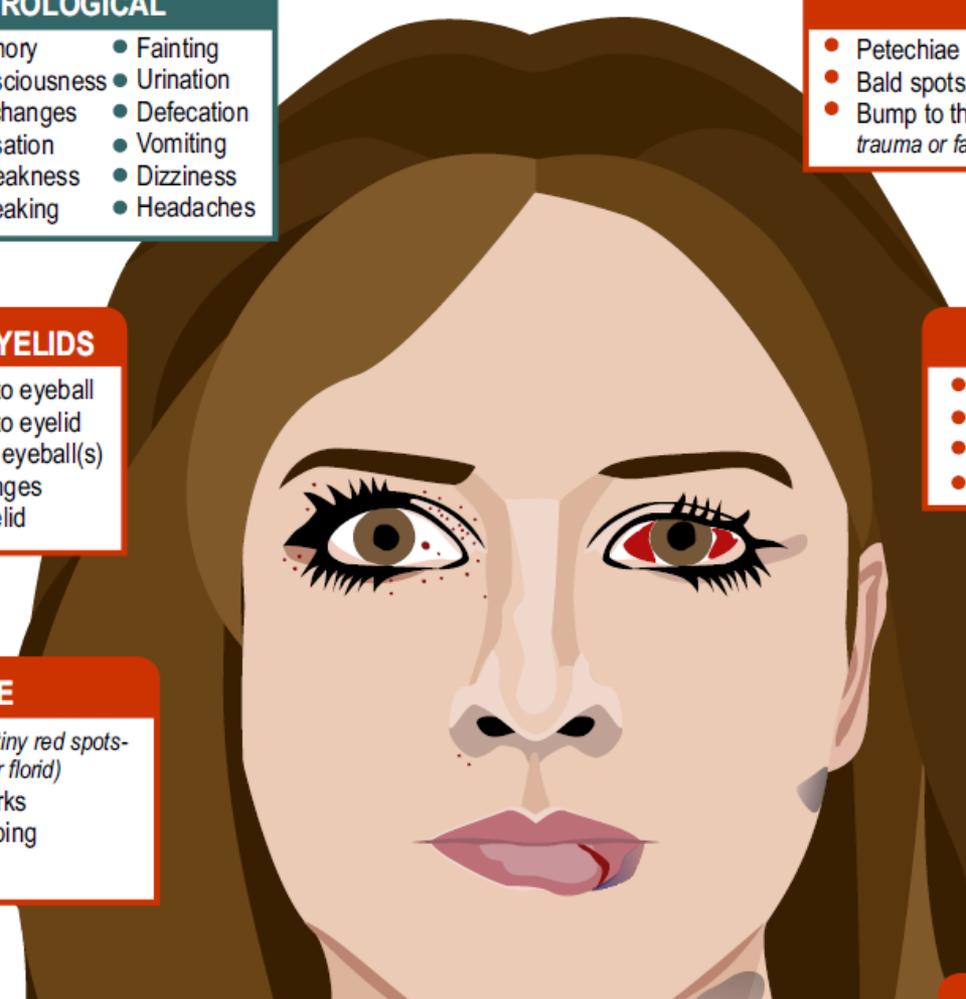
FACE

- Petechiae (*tiny red spots-slightly red or florid*)
- Scratch marks
- Facial drooping
- Swelling

MOUTH

- Bruising
- Swollen tongue
- Swollen lips
- Cuts/abrasions
- Internal Petechiae

NECK



STRANGULATION SUPPLEMENT

TO BE COMPLETED IN ADDITION TO AVS

YOUR AGENCY: _____ FORM COMPLETED BY: _____

CASE #: _____ TODAYS DATE: _____ DATE OF INCIDENT: _____

VICTIM INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY A POLICE OFFICER

VICTIM'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE): _____ DOB: _____

SEX: F - M

RACE: _____

DL #: _____

VICTIM/SUSPECT RELATIONSHIP: Married , Dating/Engaged , Children Together? Yes , No . Same Household , Related , Or Other (Explain)

METHOD/MANNER (HOW WAS THE VICTIM STRANGLLED?): One Hand (Right) , One Hand (Left) , Two Hands , Forearm , Knee/Foot , Chokehold , Use of Ligature (Describe, Photograph Injuries & Ligature, & Collect) _____ Or Other (Explain)

IS THE SUSPECT LEFT OR RIGHT-HANDED? Right-Handed , Left-Handed , Ambidextrous

CAN YOU ESTIMATE HOW LONG YOU WERE STRANGLLED (SECONDS, MINUTES, ETC.)? _____

WERE YOU STRANGLLED MULTIPLE TIMES DURING THIS ASSAULT? Yes , No , If Yes, Number of Times: _____

ESTIMATE PRESSURE USED (1 = WEAK, 10 = EXTREMELY STRONG): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

DID PRESSURE VARY AT ANY TIME DURING THE ASSAULT? Yes , No , If Yes, Describe: _____

WERE YOU SUFFOCATED OR DID ANY OBJECT COVER YOUR NOSE AND/OR MOUTH AT ANY POINT? Yes , No

If Yes, What Was Used? _____



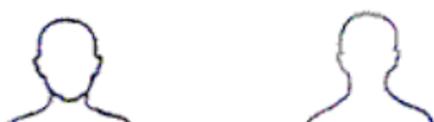
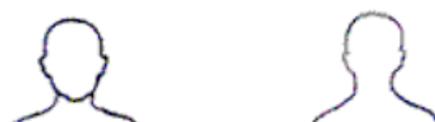
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SAN DIEGO COUNTYWIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPLEMENTAL

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUSPECT & VICTIM

- Spouse Former Spouse Dating Formerly Dating Engaged Formerly Engaged Child in Common
 Cohabitants (not related to each other) Former Cohabitants

Length of relationship __ Year(s) __ Months(s) If applicable, date relationship ended: _____

VICTIM		SUSPECT	
VICTIM NAME (Last, First, Middle)		SUSPECT NAME (Last, First, Middle)	
DATE OF BIRTH:		DATE OF BIRTH:	
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EMOTIONAL Demeanor UPON ARRIVAL		EMOTIONAL Demeanor UPON ARRIVAL	
<input type="checkbox"/> Upset <input type="checkbox"/> Crying <input type="checkbox"/> Fearful <input type="checkbox"/> Calm <input type="checkbox"/> Angry <input type="checkbox"/> Nervous <input type="checkbox"/> Not at Scene <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Affect		<input type="checkbox"/> Upset <input type="checkbox"/> Crying <input type="checkbox"/> Fearful <input type="checkbox"/> Calm <input type="checkbox"/> Angry <input type="checkbox"/> Nervous <input type="checkbox"/> Not at Scene <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Affect	
INJURIES		INJURIES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Report of Pain <input type="checkbox"/> Bruise(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Abrasion(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Head Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Laceration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Possible Broken Bones <input type="checkbox"/> Soreness <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Explain: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No visible or reported injuries <input type="checkbox"/> Draw location of injuries in diagram below		<input type="checkbox"/> Report of Pain <input type="checkbox"/> Bruise(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Abrasion(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Head Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Laceration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Possible Broken Bones <input type="checkbox"/> Soreness <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Explain: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No visible or reported injuries <input type="checkbox"/> Draw location of injuries in diagram below	
			



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What is the best way to ask a victim if they have been strangled?



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In addition to a medical exam, what should law enforcement do?



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What signs and symptoms should we tell the victim to look for if they refuse to get medical attention?



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Do you follow a strangulation photo protocol?



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What is the most common medical sign of strangulation?



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Should any forensic nurse examination be conducted outside of the emergency room?



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Can a survivor of strangulation die years later from their injuries?



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What side effects can a victim of strangulation expect long-term?



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What can advocates do to help clients recognize the risk or severity of strangulation?



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Do most victims of strangulation seek a protection order?



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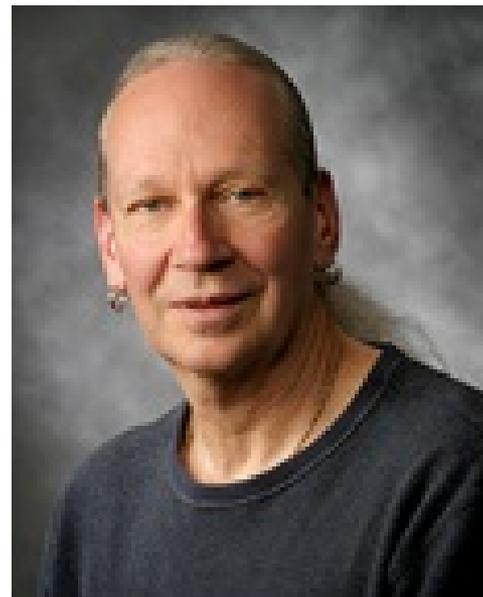
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Violence and Sexual
Abuse

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