

Scene Strangulation Questions

How do you feel now?

Are you having any difficulty breathing?

Does your voice sound any different?

Describe how your throat feels now?

Are you having any trouble swallowing?

Can you tell me about any vision changes during the strangling?

Can you describe how you were strangled?
Can you demonstrate on this wig head for us?

Was the strangling brief or lengthy?
Could you estimate how long?

How much pressure was used? Describe it on scale of 1-10 and was it continuous?

Do you recall what were you thinking about while you were being strangled?

Can you describe how you felt during the strangling?

Did you vomit, urinate or defecate during this incident? Were you aware of when this happened or did you realize later.

What did they say to you if anything?

Before
During
Afterwards

Did they shake or lift you by the neck?

Strangulation Questions-continued

Were you held against a wall or floor?

What caused the person to stop?

Was the person wearing any rings or other jewelry?

Were you able to fight back at all?

Do you notice anything different about your complexion now that is different than before the strangling? (Petechiae)

How many times have they strangled you in the past? When, where and what happened?

Have they ever made you pass out by applying pressure to your neck or covering your mouth and nose?

Photograph injuries and the entire area to include 8 camera angles at 360 degrees. Photograph the lack of injury and any areas the victim feels pain

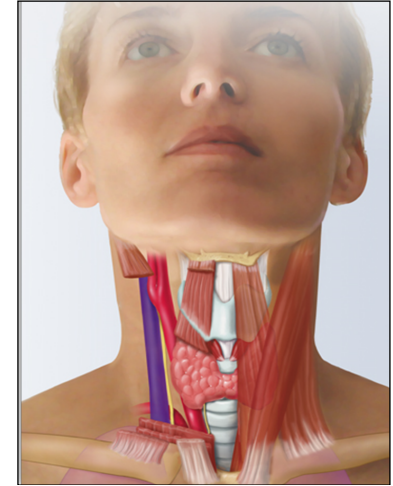
Any object used? Document where the object came from. Photograph, process and book the item as evidence.

Encourage medical treatment

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A Quick Reference Guide



Strangulation is a form of asphyxia (lack of oxygen) characterized by closure of the blood vessels and or air passages of the neck as a result of external pressure on the neck.

Absence of a visible injury is common while symptoms of internal injuries may be present.

Strangulation is a high lethality crime.

A study in the Journal of Emergency Medicine in 2008 showed that when a man strangles his partner, it increases the odds that he will kill about seven-fold.