Strangulation is the obstruction of blood vessels and/or airflow in the neck resulting in asphyxia.

1 in 4 women will experience intimate partner violence (IPV) in their lifetime.

Of women at high risk, between 68-80% will experience near-fatal strangulation by their partner.

Strangulation survivors have the lowest hope scores of all victims of domestic violence, with a 31% increase in suicidal ideation.

And odds for homicide increase 750%, compared to victims who have never been strangled.

Today, 50 States, 22 Tribes and 2 US Territories have passed felony strangulation laws.

Strangulation and suffocation are included in Federal (2013) and Military (2019) Codes.

The majority of all police officers killed in the line of duty are killed by men who have strangled women.

Strangulation is among the most lethal forms of Domestic Violence. Loss of consciousness can occur within 5 - 10 seconds. Death within minutes.
STRANGULATION

CONSEQUENCES

PTSD, depression, suicidal ideation, memory problems, nightmares, anxiety, severe stress reaction, amnesia, and psychosis.

DEELAYED FATALITY

Death can occur days or weeks after the attack due to carotid artery dissection and respiratory complications such as pneumonia, acute respiratory distress syndrome, stroke due to the risk of blood clots traveling to the brain (embolization).

HOWEVER... Oftentimes, even in fatal cases, there are NO EXTERNAL SIGNS of injury.

Only half of victims have visible injuries. Of these, only 15% could be photographed.