STRANGULATION/SUFFOCATION

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS:

**MANY VICTIMS HAVE NO VISIBLE SIGNS**
Redness of the neck or Bruises
Scratch marks (victim or suspect)
Petechiae (eyes, face, mouth, scalp)
Bloody red eyes
Swelling of the neck
Voice change: Loss of voice/Hoarse
Difficulty swallowing
Difficulty breathing Raspy breathing
Involuntary urination or defecation
Ringing in the ears
Dizzy, vision changes, seeing spots
Mental Status (restless, combative, amnesia)

**INDICATORS OF LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS:**
Loss of memory
Standing, then waking up on floor
Unexplained bump on head

*CALL EMS IF SIGNS/SYMPTOMS ARE PRESENT*

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(530) 747-5400

QUESTIONS TO ASK:
Ask the victim to describe how they were strangled
(1 hand or 2, with object?)
What did the suspect say?
Was the victim shaken while being strangled?
Were they thrown, held down or in place?
How long did the suspect strangle the victim?
Ask the victim to shut their eyes for as long they were strangled.
How many times were you strangled?
How much pressure was used (1-10)?
How painful (1-10)?
What did the victim think was going to happen?
How did you feel during the assault?
Were you able to resist?
What caused the suspect to stop?
What is your first memory after the assault?
Any difficulty breathing?
Have you changed your clothing?
Was the suspect or victim wearing jewelry?
How do you feel now?
Has this happened before?

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