

Strangulation is one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence.

Abusers often use non-fatal strangulation as a tactic to terrorize and control their victims by holding over them the literal power of life and death.

Research into domestic violence fatalities shows that an abuser's attempt to strangle the victim can be a dramatic predictor of future lethality in intimate partner violence cases.

Non-Fatal Strangulation



Loss of consciousness can occur within 5 - 10 seconds. Death within minutes.²



are strangled manually (with hands).³



report losing consciousness.⁴



are strangled along with sexual assault/abuse.⁵
9% are also pregnant.⁴



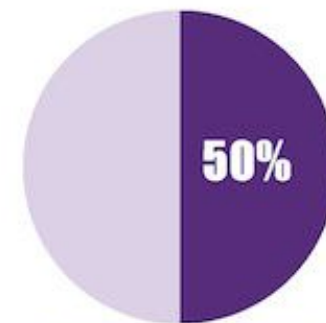
of strangled women believed they were going to die.⁶

And odds for homicide increase **750%**

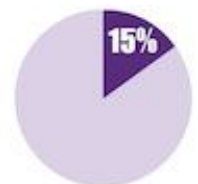
for victims who have been previously strangled, compared to victims who have never been strangled.⁷

HOWEVER...

Often times, even in fatal cases, there are **NO EXTERNAL SIGNS** of injury.³

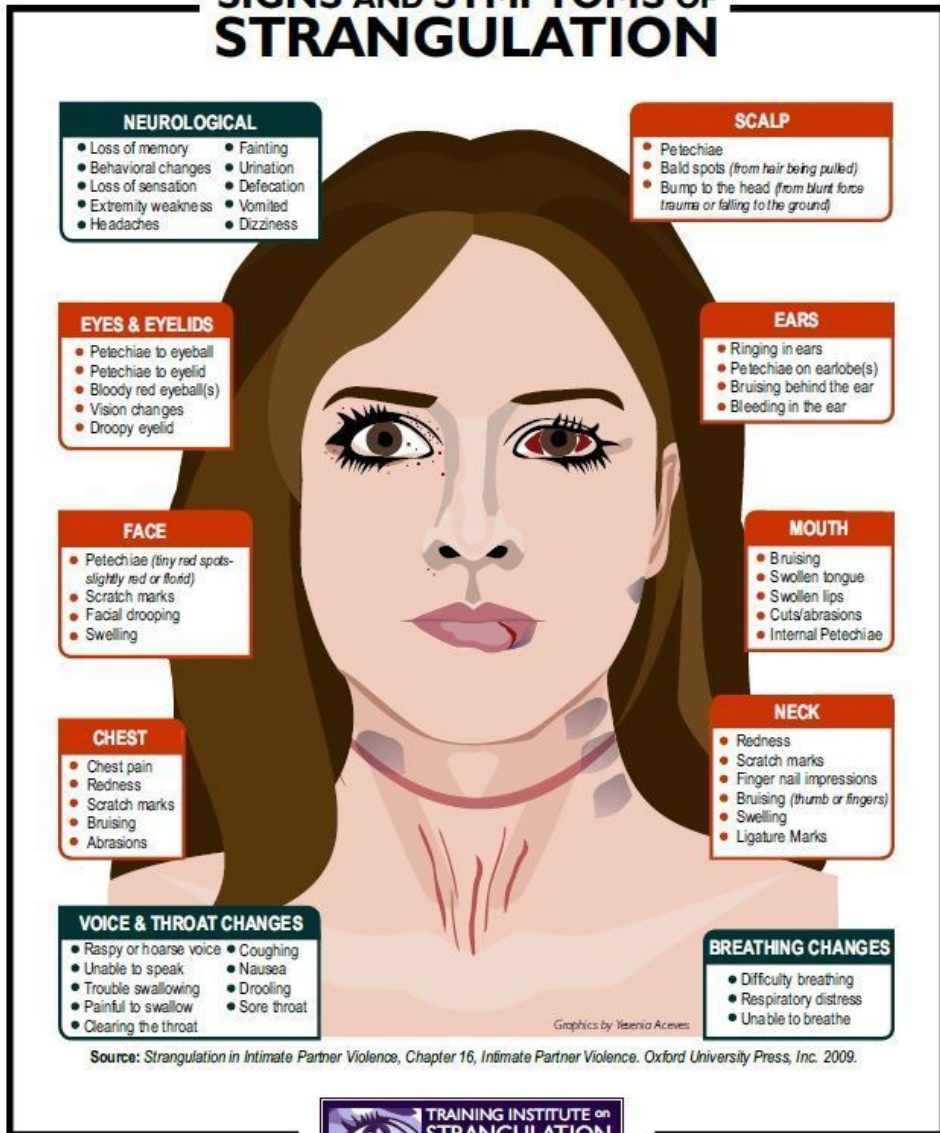


Only half of victims have visible injuries



Of these, only 15% could be photographed

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF STRANGULATION



NJ Domestic Violence Law:
(Amending N.J.S.2C:12-1) signed November 13, 2017

- Strengthens penalties for those who strangle domestic partner(s)
- NJ judges impose a longer prison sentence and higher fine
- DV experts believe nonfatal strangulation is a leading precursor to domestic homicide
- Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, “68 percent of domestic violence victims experience near-fatal strangulation by their partners.”