



Strangulation has only recently been identified as one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence: unconsciousness may occur within seconds and death within minutes. When domestic violence perpetrators choke (strangle) their victims, not only is this a felonious assault, but it may be an attempted homicide. Strangulation is an ultimate form of power and control, where the batterer can demonstrate control over the victim's next breath, having devastating psychological effects or a potentially fatal outcome.

It can be difficult to document and prosecute strangulation cases despite their lethality because injuries may appear to be minor or non-existent. However, medical research has shown this is far from the case—victims of strangulation can experience lasting medical and psychological consequences. Proper training of police officers, prosecutors, and medical professionals is vital to improving the prosecution of these offenders in felony or attempted murder strangulation cases.

Strangulation: What We Have Learned is a brand new comprehensive training video featuring national experts on the subject of strangulation from detection through prosecution of strangulation cases. It's a "must-do" training for any professional who works with victims of Intimate Partner Violence.

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Video Chapters:

- Strangulation: What We Have Learned (Introduction)
- Strangulation 101
- Anatomy
- Signs and Symptoms
- Community Response
- Petechiae
- Unconsciousness and Death
- Suffocation
- First Response
- Identification of the Primary Aggressor
- Medical/Forensic Documentation
- Follow Up Investigation and Care
- Prosecution
- Defense Theories
- Using Experts
- Understanding the Lethality of Strangulation
- Role of Advocates
- The Link to Sexual Assault
- Treatment, PTSD, & Long Term Consequences
- Education, Training, & Implementation
- Community Response and Conclusion

For more information on the Strangulation DVD, to see a preview of the Strangulation DVD, or to purchase a copy of the DVD, please visit the National Family Justice Center Alliance's Store at www.familyjusticecenter.org or email Info@nfjca.org