**SIGNS of Strangulation**

Visible evidence of injury; observable to others as well as to the victim.*

**SCALP**
- Petechiae
- Bald spots (from hair being pulled)
- Bump to the head (from blunt force trauma or falling to the ground)

**EARS**
- Ringing in ears
- Petechiae on earlobe(s)
- Bruising behind the ear
- Bleeding in the ear

**EYES & EYELIDS**
- Petechiae to eyeball
- Petechiae to eyelid
- Bloody red eyeball(s)
- Vision changes
- Droopy eyelid

**CHEST**
- Chest pain
- Redness
- Scratch marks
- Bruising
- Abrasions

**FACE**
- Petechiae (tiny red spots—slightly red or florid)
- Scratch marks
- Facial drooping
- Swelling

**MOUTH**
- Bruising
- Swollen tongue
- Swollen lips
- Cuts/abrasions
- Internal Petechiae

**NECK**
- Redness
- Scratch marks
- Finger nail impressions
- Bruising (thumb or fingers)
- Swelling
- Ligature Marks

* The lack of visible signs does not eliminate the possibility of strangulation; invisible symptoms may also be present.


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