



In about half of
strangulation cases there is
NO VISIBLE INJURY

It only takes
11 POUNDS OF PRESSURE
for as little as **10 SECONDS**

to cause complete loss
of consciousness

and permanent

BRAIN DAMAGE.

If uninterrupted,
strangulation may

lead to **DEATH**

in as little as

4-5 minutes.

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STRANGULATION IS A FELONY IN GEORGIA
(O.C.G.A. § 16-5-21)

The act of strangulation is the crime, not the extent of the injury. Visible injuries and loss of consciousness are not a requirement of the felony statute.

SYMPTOMS

- Voice changes/ raspy voice
- Complete loss of voice
- Difficulty swallowing
- Difficulty breathing
- Raspy breathing
- Lightheadedness, dizziness, headache
- Pain or tenderness on touch or movement
- Restlessness or combativeness
- Psychosis, amnesia
- Involuntary urination or defecation
- Coughing / vomiting
- Vision changes
- Loss of consciousness

SIGNS/VISIBLE INJURY

- Scratch marks-victim or suspects
- Bruises - may not appear for some time
- Finger-tip bruises are circular and oval and often faint.
- Tiny red spots (petechiae) -ruptured capillaries. Found anywhere above the area of constriction. (Jugular restriction)
- Blood red eyes are due to capillary rupture in the white portion of the eyes. May suggest a vigorous struggle or intermittent pressure.
- Swelling of the neck may be caused by any one or combination of the following: internal bleeding, or an injury of any of the underlying neck structures.