



When It Doesn't *Necessarily* Leave A Mark

More Than Just A Moment

Pediatric Strangulation

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Signs:

- Petechiae (red spots) on face or neck
- Blood-red eyes
- Swollen lips
- Bleeding from ear canal or nose
- Scratches (may be defensive)
- Bruising or swelling
- Skull or nasal fractures
- Facial or eyelid drooping
- Cord or rope burns

Symptoms:

- Voice & Swallowing Changes
- Difficulty Breathing
- Neurologic Sequelae
- Vision & Hearing Impairment
- Behavioral Changes
- Loss of consciousness, Loss of memory, Loss of bowel or bladder control

Fatalities Most Likely Due To:

- Acute Asphyxia
 - No Oxygen
- Carotid Artery Injury
 - Vessel Damage in Neck
- Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy
 - Brain Injury from Low Oxygen or Blood Flow
- Cerebral Infarction
 - Blood Vessel Blockage in the Brain

WHY THERE CAN BE A NORMAL EXAM:

- Delayed presentation
- Spectrum of inflicted injury
- Injury not seen on ordered imaging modality
- Findings can be internal

Always assess for other safety concerns