



Hello Alliance for HOPE,

We are excited to announce the release of our new Strangulation/ Suffocation Supplemental Investigative Worksheet and the instructional videos about using this important supplemental to a narrative police report.

Watch Alliance for HOPE International President Casey Gwinn, Lt. Dan Rincon from the Scottsdale Police Department in Arizona, Assistant District Attorney Gerald Fineman from the Riverside County District Attorneys Office, and Detective Bill Hernandez from the Napa Police Department explain what this supplemental worksheet is and why it is so important to our efforts.

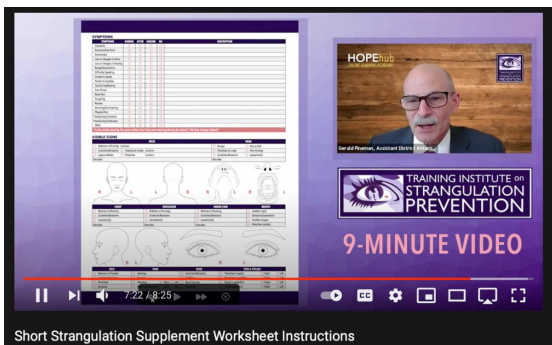
The Strangulation/ Suffocation Investigative Worksheet will be available for free to all law enforcement agencies to use for the handling of strangulation cases across the United States. It was designed by the Institute's

STRANGULATION/SUFFOCATION INVESTIGATIVE WORKSHEET

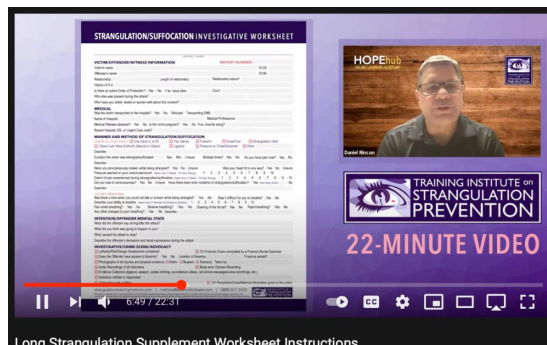
AGENCY NAME		REPORT NUMBER:
VICTIM/OFFENDER/WITNESS INFORMATION		REPORT NUMBER:
Victim's name:		DOB:
Offender's name:		DOB:
Relationship:	Length of relationship:	Relationship status?
History of D.V.		
Is there an active Order of Protection? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If so, issue date: Court:		
Who else was present during the attack?		
Who have you called, texted or spoken with about this incident?		
MEDICAL		
Was the victim transported to the hospital? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused Transporting EMS:		
Name of Hospital:		Medical Professional:
Medical Release obtained? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is the victim pregnant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If so, how far along?		
Recent Hospital, ER, or Urgent Care visits?		
MANNER AND METHOD OF STRANGULATION/SUFFOCATION		
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: <input type="checkbox"/> One Hand (L or R) <input type="checkbox"/> Two Hands <input type="checkbox"/> Forearm <input type="checkbox"/> Knees/Foot <input type="checkbox"/> Strangulation Hold		
<input type="checkbox"/> Object over Nose & Mouth (Manual or Object) <input type="checkbox"/> Ligature <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure to Chest/Abdomen <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Describe:		
Duration the victim was strangled/suffocated: <input type="text"/> Sec. <input type="text"/> Min. <input type="text"/> Unsure Multiple times? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Do you have pain now? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Describe:		
Were you simultaneously shaken while being strangled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure Was your head hit in any way? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure		
Pressure exerted on your neck/nose/mouth. Select one (1=Weak - 10=Very Strong): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
Extent of pain experienced during strangulation/suffocation. Select one (1=Weak - 10=Very Strong): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
Did you lose consciousness? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure Have there been prior incidents of strangulation/suffocation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No How many times? <input type="text"/>		
Describe:		
VICTIM'S BREATHING		
Was there a time when you could not talk or scream while being strangled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Was it difficult for you to breathe? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Describe your ability to breathe. Select one (1=Normal - 10=Unable to breathe): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
Pain while breathing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Shallow breathing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Clearing of the throat? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Rapid breathing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Any other changes to your breathing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Describe:		
INTENTION/OFFENDER MENTAL STATE		
What did the offender say during/after the attack?		
What did you think was going to happen to you?		
What caused the attack to stop?		
Describe the offender's demeanor and facial expressions during the attack:		
INVESTIGATIVE/CRIME SCENE/ADVOCACY		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lethality/Risk/Danger Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/> DV Forensic Exam completed by a Forensic Nurse Examiner		
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the Offender have access to firearms? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Location of firearms: Firearms seized?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Photographs of all injuries and physical evidence: <input type="checkbox"/> Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Scene(s). Taken by:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Audio Recordings of all interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Body-worn Camera Recording		
<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence Collection (ligature, weapon, soiled clothing, surveillance videos, cell phone messages/voice recordings, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Detective notified or responded: <input type="checkbox"/> DV Pamphlets/Crisis/Referral Information given to the victim		
<input type="checkbox"/> Victim Advocate notified:		
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Legal Advisory Committee and peer-reviewed by our national advisors from the Legal, Medical, and Advocacy Advisory Committees. Under the leadership of Lt. Dan Rincon, the subcommittee of law enforcement officers reviewed dozens of existing supplemental forms that have been used and improved since the original form was designed in San Diego in 1995. This new worksheet represents the best of the best. We are excited to make the Strangulation/Suffocation Investigative Worksheet available for law enforcement agencies to use for near and nonfatal strangulation assaults.

INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS



9-Minute BRIEF Overview



22-Minute IN-DEPTH Overview

Because law enforcement officers may only get one opportunity to interview a victim and collect the evidence that is needed, the use of specialized forms has been determined to be a best practice. We need this supplemental worksheet to build a strong case for prosecution with or without the victim's participation since it is now widely understood that domestic violence cases are "notoriously susceptible to intimidation."

Strangulation is even more complex. Most injuries are internal, symptoms can be easily missed and memories can be jumbled. This worksheet will allow officers to carefully go through the case step by step, gather vital evidence, and pay attention to the medical needs of the strangled victim. State's Attorney Rick Amato from Dekalb, Illinois has already used this form on several of his felony strangulation cases and reports that **"IT WORKS."** He now wants every officer in his county to start using this form. But first, Dekalb County will be part of a new pilot study to evaluate the form.



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**"We can save many lives in the United States; and
your work in doing this initial on-scene investigation**

will be the beginning of that journey together."

CASEY GWINN

In addition to releasing the new worksheet, the Institute is launching a pilot site project to refine and evaluate this worksheet. If your community is interested in participating, please contact Grace Shuman at grace@allianceforhope.com to schedule an informational call to discuss the use of the worksheet, the benchmarking processes to measure effectiveness, and to set up an MOU. Sites that participate in the pilot project will receive 5 scholarships to send a team to attend our next Advanced Course on Strangulation Prevention. We recommend that sites send a multi-disciplinary team consisting of a prosecutor, law enforcement, medical/paramedic, advocate, civil attorney and/or court personnel.

We are grateful to our National Advisors for participating in this collaborative effort to create a new and improved worksheet for law enforcement. With special thanks to Yesenia Aceves for sharing her talents to make the form user friendly and easy on the eyes.

Always with Great HOPE,
Gael Strack and Casey Gwinn

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