



**THE OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**  
**STRANGULATION/SMOTHERING SCRIPT**

**Strangulation Advisement:**

Even if you feel okay right now, strangulation can cause internal injuries, brain damage, and/or delayed health consequences, such as strokes, thyroid issues, miscarriage, and/or death, even days or weeks after the incident with no outward signs of injury. We strongly encourage you to seek immediate medical attention at an Emergency Department. At the Emergency Department, you will be evaluated by a Forensic Nurse Examiner and be able to speak to a Domestic Violence Response Team Member.

**Cost:**

If you don't have insurance or are worried about paying for medical care, there are victim services that may be able to help you pay for medical bills. We can provide you more information on that.

**Forensic Nurse Examiner:**

A forensic nurse examiner (FNE) will perform a medical forensic examination and collect evidence for the purpose of prosecution. The FNE will also assess and provide treatment for your medical needs associated with the incident and make aftercare referrals.

**Domestic Violence Response Team Member:**

A domestic violence response team member will provide emotional support, education and referrals. This team member will discuss your options and provide a variety of resources.

**If the victim wishes to activate the DVSRT contact the OCSD Radio Room at 732-349-2010 and provide the following information.**

1. Police Officer's name and contact number
2. Patient's Name
3. Patient's DOB
4. Municipality where incident occurred
5. Date of incident
6. Name of Ocean County hospital patient is going to with ETA

Victim consented DVSRT activation

Victim declined DVSRT activation

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Victim: \_\_\_\_\_