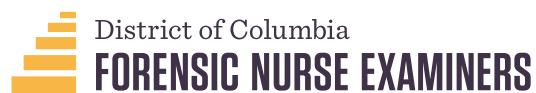


Intimate Partner Violence Medical Forensic Exam



- Specialized medical care
- Photographs of injuries
- Detailed documentation
- Evidence collection
- Strangulation evaluation
- Alternate Light Source



- Transportation to/from the hospital
- Crisis intervention
- Safety planning
- Lock changes
- Emergency housing
- Protection order assistance
- Court accompaniment
- Victim advocacy
- Referrals to other services

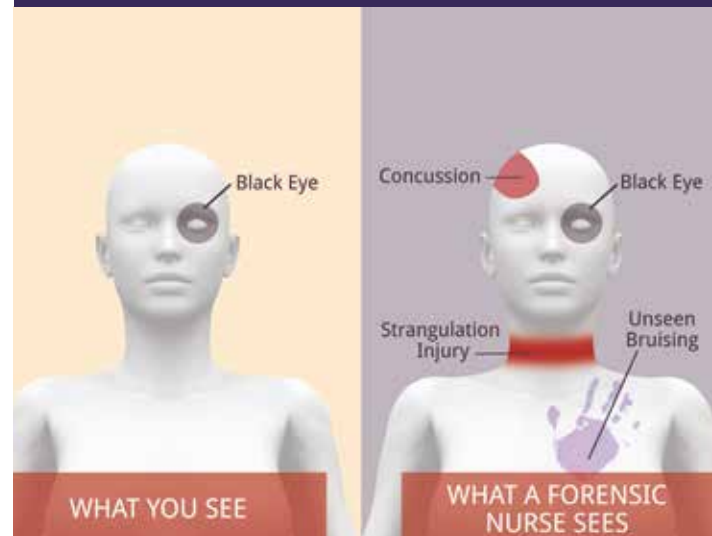
Medical forensic exams conducted at:

MedStar Washington Hospital Center
Emergency Department
110 Irving Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010
24/7/365

Non-critical injuries can be documented at:

Domestic Violence Intake
Center (DVIC) SE
United Medical Center
1328 Southern Avenue, Suite 311
Washington, DC 20032
by appointment during
business hours

ABUSE ISN'T ALL BLACK EYES



**A medical forensic
exam can document
injuries you may
not see.**



Symptoms that should be examined immediately

- Dizziness
- Blacking out or falling out
- Memory loss
- Change in speech
- Swelling, pain or bruising around eyes
- Change in vision
- Change in hearing
- Change in voice
- Neck pain or swelling
- Coughing
- Trouble breathing
- Headache
- Loss of bowel/bladder function
- Nausea/vomiting
- Severe pain
- Weakness
- Numbness/tingling

Strangulation is Serious!

Complications from being being strangled or choked can include brain injury, stroke or death, even weeks to years later.

You are 7x more likely to be killed by an intimate partner if you have been being strangled or choked by them.



A medical forensic exam can document injuries up to 30 days after an assault

The Alternate Light Source uses different wavelengths and spectrums of light to reveal bruises and marks.

- Exam takes 1-2 hours depending on extent of injuries
- You do not have to report to police

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is defined as physical, sexual or psychological harm at the hands of a current or former sexual partner or spouse.

How can medical forensic documentation be used?

- Police investigations
- Criminal prosecutions
- Civil protection order hearings
- Custody/divorce hearings
- Administrative hearings

Tell an Advocate or Nurse if you have been strangled!