

# Information leaflet Forensic Medical Examination after strangulation

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You have been given this leaflet because you have reported a strangulation incident to the police. During this incident, you may have experienced one or more of the following symptoms: hoarseness, a sore throat or difficulty swallowing; visible bruises or marks on the neck; unconsciousness or urinary incontinence. It is important to properly record your injuries for the purpose of further (criminal) proceedings. This can be done through a forensic medical examination conducted by LOEF, an expert agency with specialised forensic doctors. They guarantee a thorough and objective examination with consideration for the victim.

## **A forensic medical examination has several parts.**

### **Introduction**

Prior to the examination, you will be asked to sign a consent form for participating in the forensic medical examination and for sharing the findings with the police and the Public Prosecutor. You will then complete a questionnaire. Questions will be asked about what happened and the symptoms you have (or had).

### Head-to-toe examination

Your body will be examined to identify any visible external injuries. These injuries will be photographed and recorded for any further (criminal) proceedings.

### Throat examination (laryngoscopy)

A forensic doctor will insert a thin tube with a very small camera into the nose and into the pharynx. For this, your nose will be numbed with a special spray. The inside of your throat is then examined with the camera. You will be asked to sit on a chair with your head leaning against a headrest. You will then be asked to make a sound so the movement of your vocal cords can be examined. This examination takes a few minutes. If any abnormalities are detected, the throat examination may be repeated after a few weeks to assess whether the abnormalities are still present.

### MRI scan of the throat and neck

After the forensic medical examination at LOEF in Leerbroek, you will use your own transport to continue to the scan location. This is usually the Meander Medisch Centrum in Amersfoort, but appointments are also available in Breda, Delft and Maastricht. At the scan location, you will be given an MRI scan. An MRI scan captures all structures of the neck and throat using magnetic fields. It is a harmless method. MRI scans are not harmful, even if you are (or may be) pregnant. Prior to the MRI scan, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire.

At the hospital, you will be asked to remove all jewellery and other metals. We kindly ask you to wear comfortable clothing without any metal parts. You will then be asked to lie down on an examination table that will slide into the MRI scanner. The scan can take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour. During this time, you will be asked to lie as still as possible. The scanner is very loud, so you will be given earplugs or headphones. After the MRI scan, the examination is complete and you can go home.

If you have a pacemaker or metal objects in your head or neck area, you will not be able to undergo an MRI scan.

## Reporting of the findings

The results of the examination will be reviewed anonymously by various medical specialists. The images from the throat examination will be assessed by an ENT specialist, the MRI images by a (forensic) radiologist.

All findings of the forensic medical examination will be recorded by the forensic doctor who examined you and shared with the police and/or prosecution. This will take approximately three weeks.

## Practical information

LOEF is located at Raadhuisplein 2 in Leerbroek. You can reach the free car park behind the building via Raadhuisstraat. You may ring the video doorbell at the side entrance at your appointed time. You may always bring someone with you for support.

## Please bring:

- Your identification document (passport, driving licence or ID card)
- If you wear lenses, please bring a lens case, solution and/or your glasses
- If you have long hair, please bring a hair tie

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