

# Pattern of asphyxial deaths in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra

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## Abstract

Asphyxia is condition caused by interference of respiration due to obstruction of airways. Present study was carried out at CPR hospital of RCSM GMC Kolhapur during the period of January 2003 to December 2006. During this period 193 cases of deaths due to asphyxia were studied. All these cases were directly brought for postmortem examination. Study showed male predominance. Most of cases were reported from age group of 21-40 years. Common cause of asphyxia were hanging 113 (58.55%), and drowning 77(39.90%). Other causes were strangulation 2 (1.03%) and throttling 1 (0.5%). Most of deaths due to asphyxia were suicidal followed by accidental.

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