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Dear Members,

I have finally received the details of the strangulation death of the young girl in Edmonton in early June. It was not a case of clothing or drawstring entanglement.

Several children were playing in the backyard of the house. The mother was in the house. The children were playing "cats" with two scarves obtained from the back hall of the home. The scarves were used as cat tails. No one has any idea why the child tied the scarf to the upright and then attempted to go on the slide with the other end tied to her neck, but it is clear that this was not a case of the scarf becoming entangled on a component of the slide. The scarf was a typical long knitted winter type.

For your information.

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