

Injury:

Sec. 44 IPC

'Any Harm whatever illegally caused to any person in **BODY**, **MIND**, **REPUTATION & PROPERTY'**

• <u>Wound:</u>

Surgical – Breach in the continuity of Skin, Mucous Membrane.

[As per this definition – Bruise, Closed Simple fracture & rupture of an internal organ cannot be accepted as a wound – as they are not associated with any breach of the skin/mucus membrane.

Assault: Sec. 357 IPC:

'Every threat or attack to apply force on another person in a Hostile manner is Assault. [here force can be bodily power or by disposing any substance or inducing any animal] [Showing Clenched fist, trying to unleash a ferocious animal to attack or to detain a person – constitutes Assault]



DANGEROUS WEAPON

• Sec. 324 / 326 IPC

- 'Any instrument used for Cutting Stabbing or Shooting'
- Any instrument which when used as a Weapon of Offence, is likely to cause death:
 - By means of Fire/heated substance
 - Explosive Substance / Corrosive substance
 - Poisons or any substance which is deleterious to the human body to inhale, swallow or to receive into the blood and
 - By means of any animal.

INJURY - CLASSIFICATION Injuries Simple Grievous Dangerous



Emasculation

Permanent Privation of Sight of either Eye.

f Permanent Privation of Hearing of either Ear Privation of any Member or Joint – Eye, Ear, Nostril, Mouth, Hand feet etc.

Destruction or Permanent Impairing of power of any member or Joint.

Permanent Disfiguration of Head or Face. Fracture / Dislocation of Bone or Tooth Any Hurt that endangers life or causes the sufferer to be during the space of **20** days in severe bodily pain or unable to follow his normal pursuit.



DANGEROUS INJURIES • Any injury posing imminent danger to life, either due to involvement of vital organs or important centres or Extensive body area. • All Dangerous Injuries are Grievous – but – all Grievous Injuries are not Dangerous Injuries' • Likely to be fatal if immediate medical intervention is 2. 3. - and of neck **Extensive burns**

Interesting Fact - I

'BOBBIT Syndrome'

'Lorena Bobbit – 1993 – Emasculated her husband while he was sleeping'

After this incident of cutting off the penis of the husband by his wife - its known as Bobbit Syndrome

Defence Wounds

- Wounds inflicted on the victim.
- Inflicted while trying to defend during an attack.
- Usually in the form of :
 - Bruise
 - Lacerated wound.
 - Incised or Cut wound.
 - Chop Wound
 - Fractures.
- Important Sites:
 - Outer side of forearm, wrist, back of hand (including) knuckels, over the thighs.

Injury – Cause of Death.

- Neurogenic Shock
- Haemorrhagic Shock
- Air Embolism (in Cut Throat)
- Choking (in cut Throat)
- Acute Oedema of Glottis (cut Throat)
- Infection

Interesting Fact - II

[HOLY BIBLE & QUORAN]

1st type of murder committed in Human History

Killing ones own Brother or Sister.

At times its also used for Killing of one's own force in War.

FRATRICIDE

Latin word: FRATER (Brother) CIDUM (Killing)





Injury Production - Mechanism



Abrasions

- Destruction superficial layers skin.
- Due to rubbing of skin on some rough surface.
- Dimension of Length, Breadth but NO DEPTH.
- Bleeds slightly,
- Heals rapidly and No Scar

Cause:

- \checkmark Pressure skin with blunt hard object
- ✓ Fall over Hard Blunt, Rough Object, RTA, Railway or Blow with hard/blunt object.
- Scratching (Fingernail, thorns, needle etc)
- ✓ Hanging, Strangulation, Bansdola.
- ✓ Rough handling or repeated rubbing.

Abrasion - Production



Abrasion





Patterned Abrasion



Bruise

- Effusion of blood into tissues.
- Rupture of capillaries.
- Caused by Blunt Force Trauma over the Body.
- Present on skin but also in Internal organs.
- Tumor like mass Haematoma

- Does not always appear on the site of impact.
- Age of bruise Colour change over the bruise

- Fresh Red
- Few hrs 3 days Blue
- 4th Day Bluish Black (Haemosiderin)
- 5-6 days Greenish (Haemotoidin)
- 7-12days Yellowish (Bilirubin)
- 2 weeks Normal

Bruise - Production



Shifting Bruise

- Migratory / Ectopic
- Extravasation occurs at a site where tissue is tough and space is less.....
- Blood Settles down to a lower level where tissues are Loose.
- Found lower than the 'Actual site of Impact'
- Blunt force Forehead Black eye
- Blunt force Calf muscle Ankle

Deep Bruise

- Come Out Bruise.
- Several hours 1-2 days
- Body Examination U.V light
- Autopsy 'knick given over suspected area'

Patterned Bruise

- Displays the pattern of the causative agent/ weapon
- Cylindrical Weapon 2 parallel lines of bruise with intact normal area.
- Round weapon, circular line bruise with intact area in between.
- Human Bites... pattern of teeth.
- Pads of finger tips in M. Strangulation

Artificial Bruise

- Use of Plant irritant (Semicarpus anacardium, calotropis, Plumbago rosea).
- Over accessible area, Irregular shape well defined margins, Itching over area or fingers.
- False allegation

Bruise - Production



Abraded Contusion (patterned)



Abrasion vs. Bruise

- i. Indicates the Direction of the Force.
- ii. Indicates the Exact site of the impact
- iii. Gives valid info regarding nature of crime abrasion around Mouth & nose – Smothering
- iv. Careful examination sliding or compressing type of Force.

Laceration

- Mechanical Injury.
- Tearing of skin- with or without tear of underling tissues.
- 3 dimension (L x B x D).
- Irregular (ragged) contused margins.
- Bleeding less vessels crushed.
- Hair bulb crushed.
- Bridging of Tissue.

Lacerated Injury



Incised - injury

- Also known as Cut, Slash, or Slice
- Direct blow or sawing movement of weapon.
- 3 dimensions Length, width and depth. Length is greatest.
- Deep at beginning shallow at end (tailing at the END)
- Bleeding more Vessels clean cut.
- Hair bulb Clean cut.
- Weapon Knife, Blade, Razor, Scalpel



Incised Injury



Stab - injury

- Dimension L x B x Depth (depth greatest Dimension)
- Depth of wound corresponds to the Length of weapon.
- Produced by sharp, pointed weapon Single Double edged.
- Wound produced Punctured, Penetrating & Perforating.
- 'Fish Tailing' small tear on the blunt angle known as 'tailing'



Stab Injury



Chop - injury

- Mechanical Injury.
- 3 dimension (L x B x D) 'length is of greatest Dimension'
- Regular margins, .
- Bleeding more vessels cut.
- Hair bulb Cut.
- May show Beveling (helpful in determination of Force)

Fabricated - Injury

- Self produced Injuries False charge someone of assault or attempted murder.
- To make Simple injury look more Serious.
- To pretend as a Defense wound by Assailant.
- To escape from duty (Military Persons)
- To allege rape or other Sexual offences.





Fabricated Injuries.

FIREARM INJURIES


Lands as seen from side in a rifled firearm

Grooves

Shotgun

Barrel

Lands

No lands and grooves in smooth bore fire arm



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(A) Conventional Rifling with even number (8) of lands and grooves





(E) Hexagonal [or Withworth] rifling



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(C) Polygonal Rifling





(F) Hexagonal rifling with round bottoms



(G) Ratchet Rifling



1a – Contact Bone 1b – Contact 2 – Close Distance (30 cm)3- Rat Hole (30-1m) 4. Satellite (>1m) 5. Spread Increased, hole decreased. 6. Uniform Spread – no Hole - 10 m1m = 100 cms

= **39.37** inch



DERMAL NITRATE TEST

- To detect gun powder residue (Nitrate) from the hand of the person who fired the shot.
- Melted paraffin is brushed on the surface of the hand and wax removed.
- Inner surface of wax cast is treated with **Diphenylamine or Dipheylbenzedine** reagent
- **Blue colour** Confirmative test for Nitrate





WHAT IS ASPHYXIA?

Lack of Oxygen in Inspired Air & failure to Eliminate CO2

Types:

- 1. Mechanical Asphyxia
- 2. Pathological Asphyxia
- 3. Toxic Asphyxia
- 4. Environmental Asphyxia
- 5. Traumatic Asphyxia
- 6. Postural Asphyxia

HANGING

- Constriction air-passage with ligature
- Constricting force weight of the body

Types

- Typical Hanging
- Atypical Hanging
- Complete
- Partial
- Suicidal
- Accidental
- Homicidal

STRANGULATION

- Constriction air-passage with ligature or any other means.
- No suspension of the body.

Types

- Ligature Strangulation
- Manual Strangulation
- Knee, Elbow, or Foot [Mugging]
- Rod, Lathi, Bamboo [Bansdola]
- Palm [Palmar Strangulation]
- Neck collar Garroting (capital Punishment)
- From Behind with ligature.

SMOTHERING

• Constriction air-passage – with solid objects like hands, pillow, blanket etc.

findings

- Paleness around Nose & Mouth
- Contusion & abrasion around mouth if hands are used.
- Congested face with petechial haemorrhage
- Blood may be oozing from nose & mouth.
- Marked deep bluish purple PM staining.
- All internal viscera fully congested.

GAGGING

- Closing of air passage at level of nasophrangeal area by a solid object.
- Initially incomplete closure complete blockage due to mucus

Cause of death

- Due to Asphyxia.
- Very rarely Reflex Vagal Inhibition.

CHOKING

OVERLAYING

- Airway Obstruction Regurgitated food, coins etc
- Bursting of Nasopharyngeal tumour, abscess etc.
- Find food or the causative agent in the respiratory passage.
- Children's can also choke with toys

- Violent Asphyxial Death
- Obstruction of airway with palm, hand etc.
- Small babies....while drinking milk from sleeping mothers breast
- Drunk parent roll over the child

BURKING

- Violent Asphyxial Death
- Traumatic asphyxia + Smothering
- William Burke & William Hare (1880)

Findings

- features of Asphyxia
- Cyanosis
- Congestion
- Petechial hemorrhage
- Contusion & abrasion over the nose & mouth
- Fracture of ribs (may b present)

DROWNING

- Violent Asphyxial Death
- Obstruction air into lungs by liquid media.
- There is no suspension of the body.

Types

- Wet Drowning
- Dry Drowning
- Near drowning
- Secondary drowning

CLINICAL FORENSIC MEDICINE

- SEXUAL CRIMES -

IMPOTENCE

- Mainly used for Males.
- Where he is unable to perform Sexual Intercourse.(failure to E.P) Causes:
- Age- boys before puberty and Extreem ages.
- Deformities Micro penis, Penile fibrosis etc.
- Local disease Infection, Hydorcele, Elephantiasis, penis epididymis etc.
- Systemic High Fever, T.B, Diabetes etc.
- Drugs Chronic use / Alcohohol & Narcotic use.
- Injury to genital organ, brain, spinal cord, fracture pelvis etc.
- Pschological Emotional Disturbances, dislike of partner (temporary or permanent impotence)

Medicolegal Issues:

Civil issues:

- Nullity of marriage
- Marriage promise Breach
- Divorce
- Disputed Paternity
- Legitimacy
- Property Inheritance
- Compensation
- Defamation

Criminal Issues:

- Rape & other sexual Offences.
- Blackmailing.



STERILITY – MEDICOLEGAL IMPORTANCE

CIVIL ISSUES

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CRIMINAL ISSUES

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- 2. Blackmailing

Interesting Fact - 3

IMPOTENCE QUOAD - HANC

Impotence only with a particular women only - though the person is fully potent with other women



- Saliva / Semen/Blood
 - Pubic Hair
 - Urethral Swab
- Vaginal Swab (posterior fornix)
 Any other foreign body found on the body during examination.

