

M.I.1. Defense wound of hand

Gross –

- Defense wound (cut laceration) present over the left palm
- Loss of epidermis present

Types of defense wounds

- Active - wounds are caused when the victim tries to grasp the weapon
- Passive- wounds are caused when the victim raises the hands, arms or legs.

Medicolegal importance

- Manner of injury – homicidal

Defense wounds are absent if the victim is

- Unconscious
- Attacked from behind
- Under the influence of alcohol/drugs

Laws in relation to:

- **Sec. 351 I.P.C.:** An assault is an offer or threat or attempt to apply force to body of another in a hostile manner.
- It may be a common assault or with an intent to murder. Sec.352 IPC deals with punishments for assaults.

