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**Picture story- Facial injuries in females**

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A doctor finding injuries on the face of a female has to suspect domestic violence. Although in majority of females, these injuries individually or collectively are non grievous, grievous injuries are not uncommon to find. Blunt force injuries due to slaps or fist blows to mouth and eyes are common. However, occasional cut injuries may be encountered. A detailed history of similar episodes over the years has to be taken to understand the depth of the problem. Research indicates that the mother’s experiences of domestic violence have a direct effect on children’s mental health.