**TYPES OF INJURIES**

**What are blunt force injuries?**
Blunt force injuries are injuries caused by a blunt object striking the body or the body impacting a blunter surface. Types of blunt force injuries include:

- **ABRASION** (SCRAPE)
- **LACERATION** (TEAR)
- **CONTUSION** (BRUISE)

**What are sharp force injuries?**
Sharp force injuries are injuries caused by a sharp/pointed object such as stab wounds or incised wounds. Types of blunt force injuries include:

- **INCISED WOUND** (CUT): Longer than it is deep.
- **STAB WOUND**: Deeper than it is long

**INJURY PATTERN ANALYSIS**

Sometimes the implements which cause injury leave particular patterns that can be matched-up.

Practice your pattern-recognition skills by making patterns in the clay with various tools.

**DEFENSIVE INJURIES** are those that occur while trying to protect oneself. Classically, they are located on the hands or arms. Try to match the implement to the injury on the hands shown below.