

There are many types of bone fracture:

1. A fracture can be **closed**. This is a fracture that does not break skin causing a wound.
2. Some fractures are **open**. These are often called compound fractures. With this type of fracture, the bone breaks through the skin and causes a wound. The risk of infection in both the wound and in the bone is very high.
3. A **greenstick** fracture is an incomplete break of a bone.
4. A **comminuted** fracture is a complete break of a bone, causing it to be separated into two or more pieces.
5. A **hairline** fracture sometimes called a 'hairline fracture'. It is like a crack and may be difficult to see with regular X-rays.
6. Some fractures are **displaced** (there is a gap between the two ends of the bone). These often require surgery.

