



Michigan State Police  
Criminal Justice Information Center



## Location Codes

Location codes specifically identify where a crime occurred. Commonly used locations are not always reported to MICR consistently, per their definition at the federal level. To better collect and utilize statistics, please reference the below definitions. A full list of location codes can be found in the MICR handbook and code cards.

### **Use of Building vs. Original Purpose**

When a crime takes place in a building, use the location code that best describes the current use of the building, not the original/typical purpose.

#### Examples:

- School auditorium used for a religious service, enter “Church/Synagogue/Temple/Mosque”
- Church used as a daycare, enter “Daycare Facility”
- Shelter during a storm (school or church), enter “Shelter – Mission/Homeless”

**Abandoned/Condemned Structure** – Use for completed buildings/structures abandoned by their owner and are no longer being used. This does not include vacant rental property. For vacant rental homes, enter “Residence/Home” and for vacant rental convenience stores, enter “Convenience Store”.

**Amusement Park** – Use for all locations of entertainment; this includes movies theaters.

**Cyber Space** – Defined as a virtual or internet-based network of two or more computers in separate locations which communicate with or through wireless or wire connections.

**Daycare Facility** – Use for locations providing short-term supervision, recreation, and/or meals for adults or children, day or night. This includes respite care facilities for seniors and physically and/or mentally disabled.

**Parking Lot** – Use when the areas primary purpose is for parking vehicles, except a garage attached or detached from a house. This includes an open parking lot of a church, the covered parking garage of a department store. Enter “Residence/Home” if location is an attached/detached garage of a home.

**Residence/Home** – Use for permanent residences including apartments, condominiums, townhouses, nursing homes, residential driveways and yards, extended/continuous care facilities.

**Schools** – MICR has two school codes “School – College/University” and “School – Elementary/Secondary”.

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