



Michigan State Police
Criminal Justice Information Center



Weapon Used by Offender to Commit the Offense

The Michigan Incident Crime Reporting program collects one weapon per offense

Utilization of Weapon

Enter the weapon as it was *utilized* in the commission of the crime.

- Offender swung a baseball bat; enter “Blunt Object”
- Offender cut or stabbed with a broken piece of glass; enter “Knife/Cutting Instrument”
- Offender threw a glass object; enter “Blunt Object”
- Offender pistol whipped with a handgun; enter “Blunt Object”
- Offender fired a shot; enter “Handgun”

Personal Weapon

A personal weapon is defined as using your body (your person) as a weapon. This includes hands, fists, feet, head, or any other part of one’s body.

Automatic Weapon

An automatic weapon is defined as a firearm which shoots more than one shot by a single pull of the trigger without manual reloading. If a firearm is automatic, enter “Automatic Firearm” instead of “Firearm”. Only “Firearm”, “Handgun”, “Rifle”, “Shotgun”, and “Other Firearm” can be entered as automatic weapons.

Multiple Weapons

If more than one weapon was used during the offense, the officer decides which weapon to enter.

Code as “Other” Weapon

BB guns, pellet guns, tasers, toy or play guns, pepper spray, stun guns, or mace should be entered as “Other”.

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