

Residential burglaries in Copley Township are rare. Many communities have experienced an increase in burglaries with the downturn in the economy. In Copley Township, we have not experienced an increase in residential burglaries, until this past week. The Copley Police Department is investigating five recent burglaries that occurred at homes on the east side of Copley since October 26th.

These recent burglaries are particularly troublesome because the burglars entered homes in the evening hours while the homeowners were asleep. These burglaries took place between about midnight and 5:00 AM. These types of burglaries are uncommon, as most burglars prefer to enter homes when they know that the homeowners are away.

In these recent incidents, the suspects entered homes through unlocked windows or doors. They probably walked through backyards and checked homes looking for those that provided easy access. Therefore, we suggest that homeowners keep all windows and doors securely locked. Do not hesitate to call the Copley Police Department (9-1-1, or 330-666-8866) if you spot any suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighborhood. If you have a dog, and the dog seems to alert to outdoor activity in the late evening and early morning hours, do not hesitate to call the police immediately. Do not attempt to confront suspicious persons – call your police immediately.

The Copley Police Department needs your help to solve these crimes. Together, we can keep Copley Township one of the safest communities in northeast Ohio in which to live. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Chief Michael Mier, 330-666-4218 or by e-mail at MMIER@copley.oh.us.