



WINDOWS For RESCUE or ESCAPE

BASED ON THE 2006 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE (IRC) SECTION R310 – EMERGENCY EGRESS OPENINGS

A building permit is required before starting construction if changing the size of the existing window

Basements and every sleeping room shall have at least one operable window or exterior door approved for emergency egress or rescue. (Where basements contain one or more sleeping rooms, emergency egress and rescue openings shall be required in each sleeping room, but shall not be required in adjoining areas of the basement.) The units must be operable from the inside to a full clear opening without the use of separate tools. Where windows are provided as a means of egress or rescue, they shall have a sill height of not more than 44 inches above the floor.

All egress or rescue windows must have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 square feet from the normal operation of the window. The minimum net clear opening height dimension shall be 24 inches. The minimum net clear opening width dimension shall be 20 inches.

Exception: Grade floor window may have a minimum net clear opening of 5 square feet.

Examples of EGRESS WINDOW DIMENSIONS

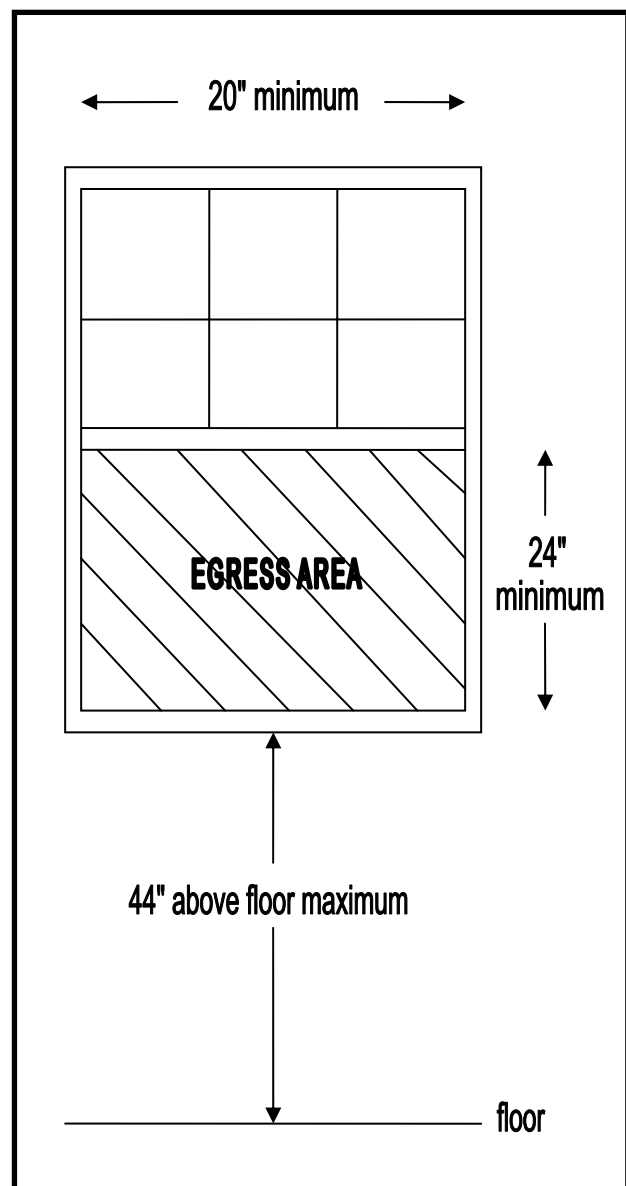
Above Grade
5.7 sq. ft.

Width	Height
20	41
20 ½	40
21	39 ⅛
21 ½	38 ⅛
22	37 ⅜
22 ½	36 ½
23	35 ¾
23 ½	34 ⅞
24	34 ¼
24 ½	33 ½
25	32 ⅞
25 ½	32 ¼
26	31 ⅝
26 ½	31
27	30 ⅜
27 ½	29 ⅞
28	29 ⅜
28 ½	28 ¾
29	28 ¼
29 ½	27 ⅞
30	27 ⅜
30 ½	26 ⅞
31	26 ½
31 ½	26 ⅛
32	25 ⅝
32 ½	25 ¼
33	24 ⅞
33 ½	24 ½
34	24 ⅛

At Grade *
5.0 sq. ft.

Width	Height
20	36
20 ½	35 ⅛
21	34 ¼
21 ½	33 ½
22	32 ¾
22 ½	32
23	31 ¼
23 ½	30 ⅝
24	30
24 ½	29 ⅜
25	28 ¾
25 ½	28 ¼
26	27 ¾
26 ½	27 ⅛
27	26 ⅝
27 ½	26 ⅛
28	25 ¾
28 ½	25 ¼
29	24 ⅞
29 ½	24 ⅜
30	24

* Not more than 44"
above or below grade



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