

EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE WINDOW

Required Inspections:

Framing inspection on any window installation that requires the changing of load-bearing framing members or that alters the structural integrity of the exterior wall.

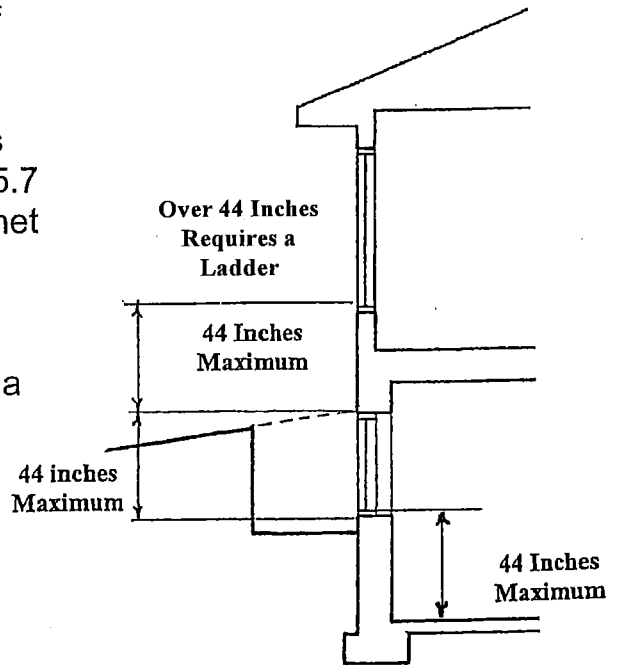
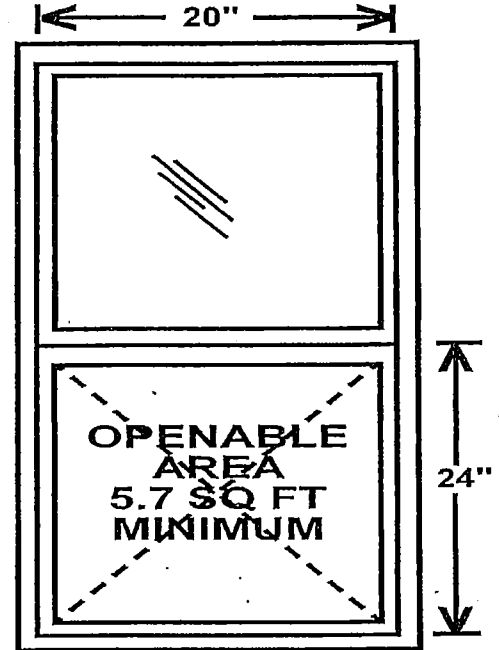
Final inspection is required after the emergency escape window installation is completed. If the window is in a basement or below grade the window well must also be completed

Code Requirements:

Basements with habitable space and every sleeping room shall have at least one openable emergency escape and rescue opening. Windows shall have a sill height of not more than 44 inches above the floor.

All emergency escape and rescue openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 sq. ft. The openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 24 inches height and 20 inches net clear opening in width.

Exception: Grade floor openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5 sq. ft.



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Window wells required for emergency escape and rescue shall have horizontal dimensions that allow the door or window of the emergency escape and rescue opening to be fully opened. The horizontal dimensions of the window well shall provide a minimum net clear area of 9 sq. ft. with a minimum horizontal projection and width of 36 inches.

Window wells with a vertical depth of greater than 44 inches below the adjacent ground level shall be equipped with a permanently affixed ladder or step usable with the window in the fully opened position.

Ladders shall be a minimum of 12 inches wide inside, project at least 3 inches with a maximum of 6 inches and rungs spaced no more than 18 inches apart.

Where Bars, covers, grilles, screens or similar devices are placed over emergency escape and rescue openings or window wells. Such devices shall be releasable or removable from the inside without the use of a key, tool, special knowledge or force greater than that required for the normal operation of the escape and rescue opening.

