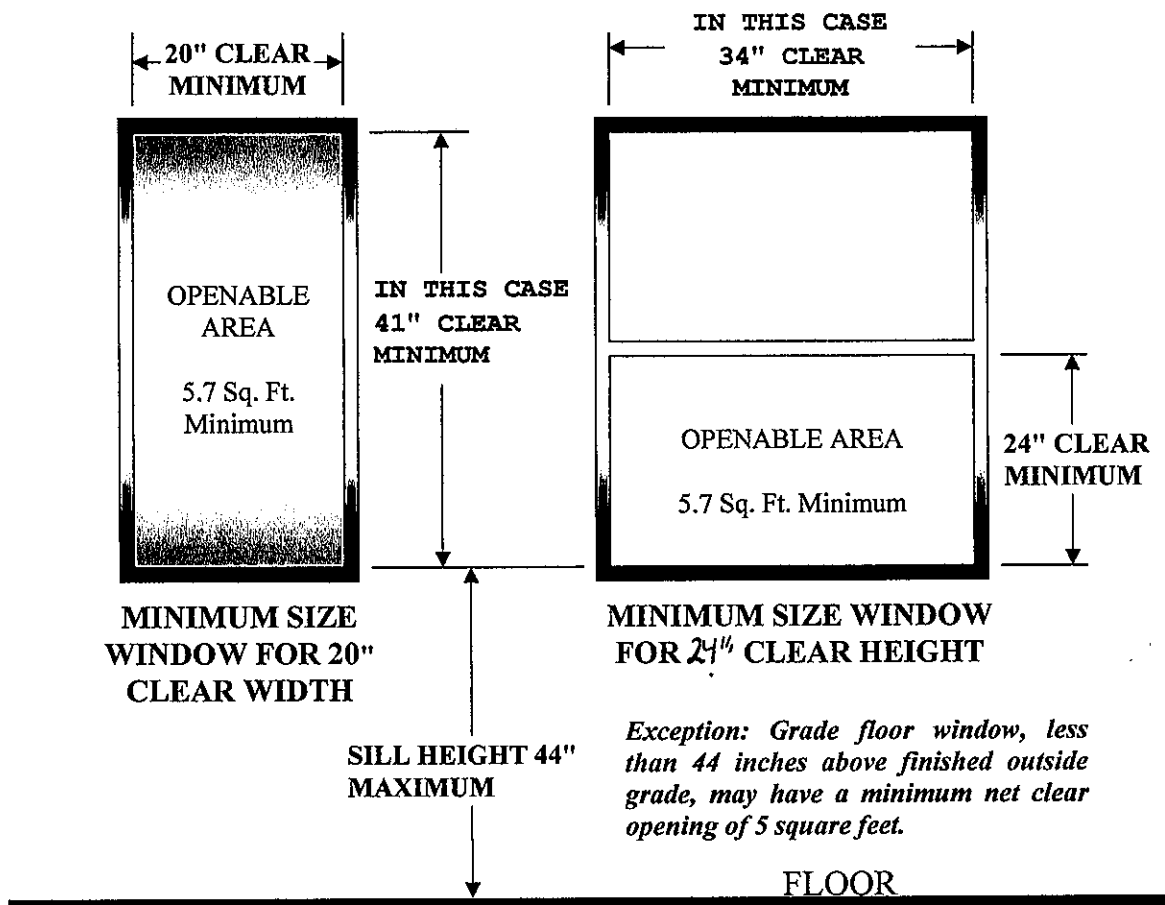


# EGRESS WINDOWS



**Sleeping Room Egress Opening, Minimum Dimensions**

**R310.1 Emergency escape and rescue required.** Basements and every sleeping room shall have at least one operable emergency escape and rescue opening. 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. Where emergency escape and rescue openings are provided they shall have a sill height of not more than 44 inches above the floor. Where a door opening having a threshold below the adjacent ground elevation serves as an emergency escape and rescue opening and is provided with a bulkhead enclosure, the bulkhead enclosure shall comply with Section R310.3. The net clear opening dimensions required by this section shall be obtained by the normal operation of the emergency escape and rescue openings with a finished sill height below the adjacent ground elevation shall be provided with a window well in accordance with section R310.2. Emergency escape and rescue openings shall open directly into a public way, or to a yard or court that opens to a public way.

**R310.1.1 Minimum size.** All emergency escape or rescue windows from sleeping rooms shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 square feet.

**Exception:** Grade-floor windows shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5 square feet.

**Definition of Grade Floor Opening:** A window or other opening located such that the sill height of the opening is not more than 44 inches above or below the finished ground level adjacent to the opening.

**R310.1.2 Minimum opening height.** The minimum net clear opening height shall be 24 inches.

**R310.1.3 Minimum opening width.** The minimum net clear opening width shall be 20 inches.