

# EGRESS WINDOWS

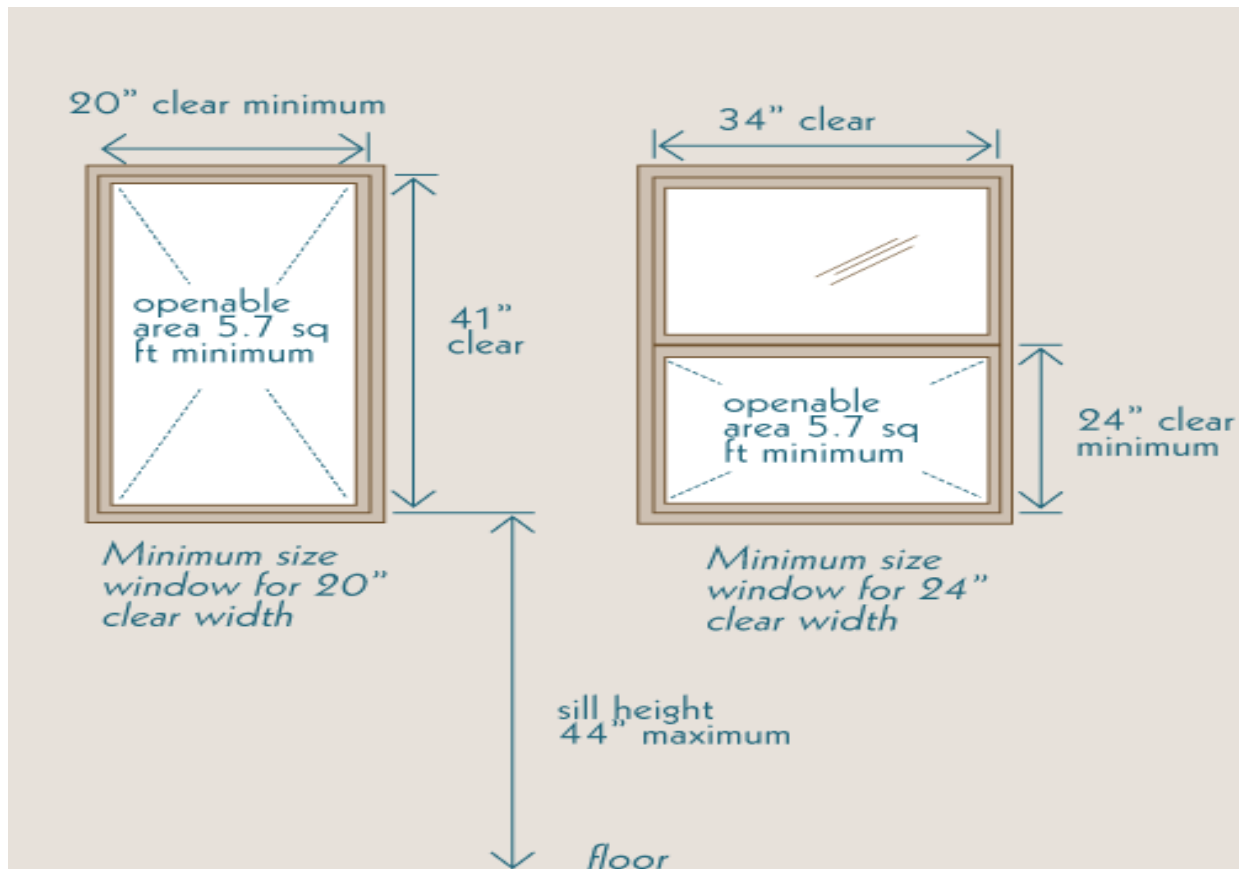
**R310.1 Emergency escape and rescue required.** *Basements*, habitable attics and every sleeping room shall have at least one operable emergency escape and rescue opening. Where *basements* contain one or more sleeping rooms, emergency egress and rescue openings shall be required in each sleeping room. Where emergency escape and rescue openings are provided they shall have a sill height of not more than 44 inches (1118 mm) above the floor.

**R310.1.1 Minimum opening area.** All emergency escape and rescue openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 square feet (0.530 m<sup>2</sup>).

**Exception:** *Grade* floor openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5 square feet (0.465 m<sup>2</sup>).

**R310.1.2 Minimum opening height.** The minimum net clear opening height shall be 24 inches (610 mm).

**R310.1.3 Minimum opening width.** The minimum net clear opening width shall be 20 inches (508 mm).



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**R310.2 Window wells.** The minimum horizontal area of the window well shall be 9 square feet (0.9 m<sup>2</sup>), with a minimum horizontal projection and width of 36 inches (914 mm). The area of the window well shall allow the emergency escape and rescue opening to be fully opened.

**R310.2.1 Ladder and steps.** Window wells with a vertical depth greater than 44 inches (1118 mm) shall be equipped with a permanently affixed ladder or steps usable with the window in the fully open position.

**Minimum access WITH WINDOW FULLY OPEN:**  
36 inches measured horizontally from the foundation wall to the well and from the window surface to the well. *Note: 3 foot by 3 foot wells will NOT provide the required access for casement windows.*

