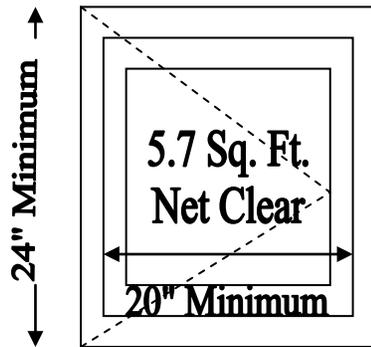
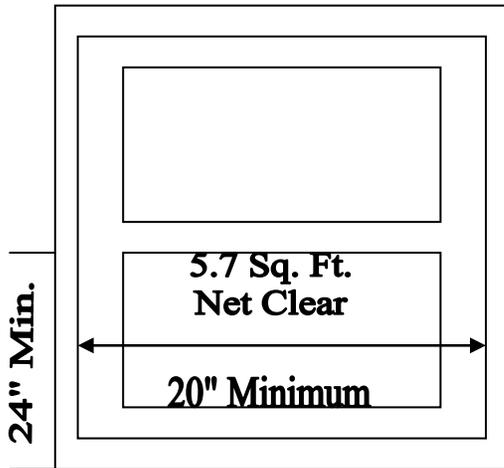


## Example Windows

Casement Window

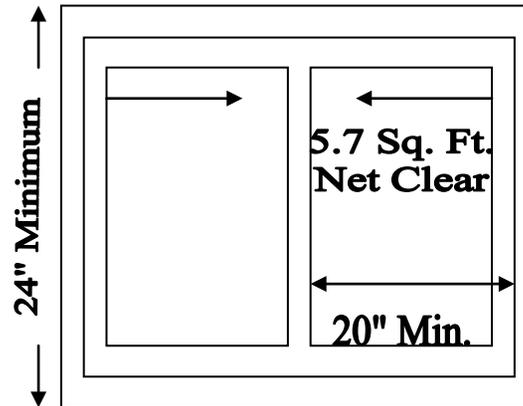


Double Hung Window

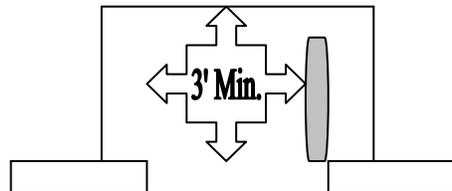


## Example Windows

Slide Window



### Example – Window Well



Note: A 9 square foot minimum net clear opening required in egress well with window in the fully opened position

# Egress & Escape Windows

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## **EGRESS & ESCAPE WINDOW CHECKLIST**

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A building permit is required for all egress and escape window additions. Listed below are the requirements that must be met for egress and escape windows.

### **Requirements:**

- ❑ **Sill Height:** A maximum sill height of 44 inches above the floor.
- ❑ **Clear Opening:** A minimum clear opening width of 20 inches (casement type); minimum clear height of 24 inches (double hung type); minimum clear opening area of 5.7 square feet for all types.
- ❑ **Window Wells:** Window wells with a vertical depth of more than 44 inches shall be equipped with an approved ladder or stair. Net clear dimensions when fully opened to provide 9 square feet of opening.
- ❑ **Bars, grilles, grates, etc.:** Bars, grilles, grates, or similar devices may be installed on an emergency escape or rescue window or door, provided such devices are equipped with approved release mechanisms which are openable from the inside without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort.

### **Additional Requirements:**

- ❑ **Smoke Detectors:** Smoke detectors are required on all levels and in all sleeping areas. Battery operated smoke detectors are acceptable in areas that are not under construction.
- ❑ **Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Carbon Monoxide Detectors must be located within 10 feet of any room used for sleeping.

### **Additional Information:**

- ❑ Treated timber, concrete block, or galvanized window wells are acceptable materials for the egress window well.
- ❑ Sand or stone should be used for drainage.
- ❑ Every sleeping room is required to have at least one door leading directly outside, or a window meeting the egress/escape window requirements.
- ❑ Please note the **net clear opening** dimensions are not the same as glass sizes or rough openings. Not all window catalogs or lumberyard indexes will show this figure. When in doubt, open the window and measure the inside dimensions (inches in length x inches in width = square inch area; 820 square inches is the minimum needed).

**Please Note:** Items listed in this brochure are intended for informational purposes, further building and/or zoning code guidelines or restrictions may be applicable.

## **WHERE DO I OBTAIN A PERMIT?**

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## **QUESTIONS?**

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Please contact our office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 651-554-3220.

