

# Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings

## *Getting Out Alive*

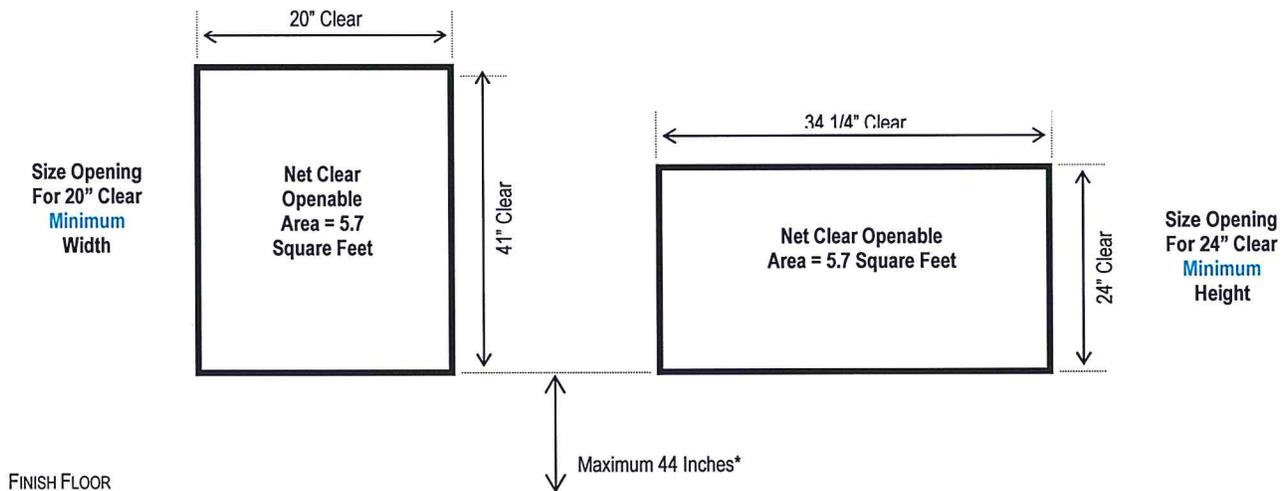
Bedrooms and dwelling unit basements, which have habitable rooms, shall have at least one egress window or door approved for emergency escape or rescue. The units shall be operable from the inside to provide a full, clear opening without the use of separate tools.

All egress windows shall have a **minimum net clear openable area of 5.7 square feet**. The minimum net clear openable height dimension shall be twenty-four (24) inches. The minimum net clear openable width dimension shall be twenty (20) inches. When windows are provided as a means of escape or rescue they shall have a finished sill height of not more than forty-four (44) inches above the floor.

Width	20	20.5	21	21.5	22	22.5	23	23.5	24	24.5	25	25.5	26	26.5	27
Height	41	40	39.1	38.2	37.3	36.5	35.7	34.9	34.2	33.5	32.8	32.2	31.6	31	30.4

Width	27.5	28	28.5	29	29.5	30	30.5	31	31.5	32	32.5	33	33.5	34	34.2
Height	29.8	29.3	28.8	28.3	27.8	27.4	26.9	26.5	26.1	25.7	25.3	24.9	24.5	24.1	24

Minimum Width/Height Requirements for Emergency Escape and Rescue Windows (inches)



\*Where the maximum height of 44 inches is exceeded in new or existing construction a permanent landing shall be provided that has a minimum width of 36 inches, minimum depth of 18 inches and a maximum height of 24 inches. The landing shall be installed directly under the window it serves.