



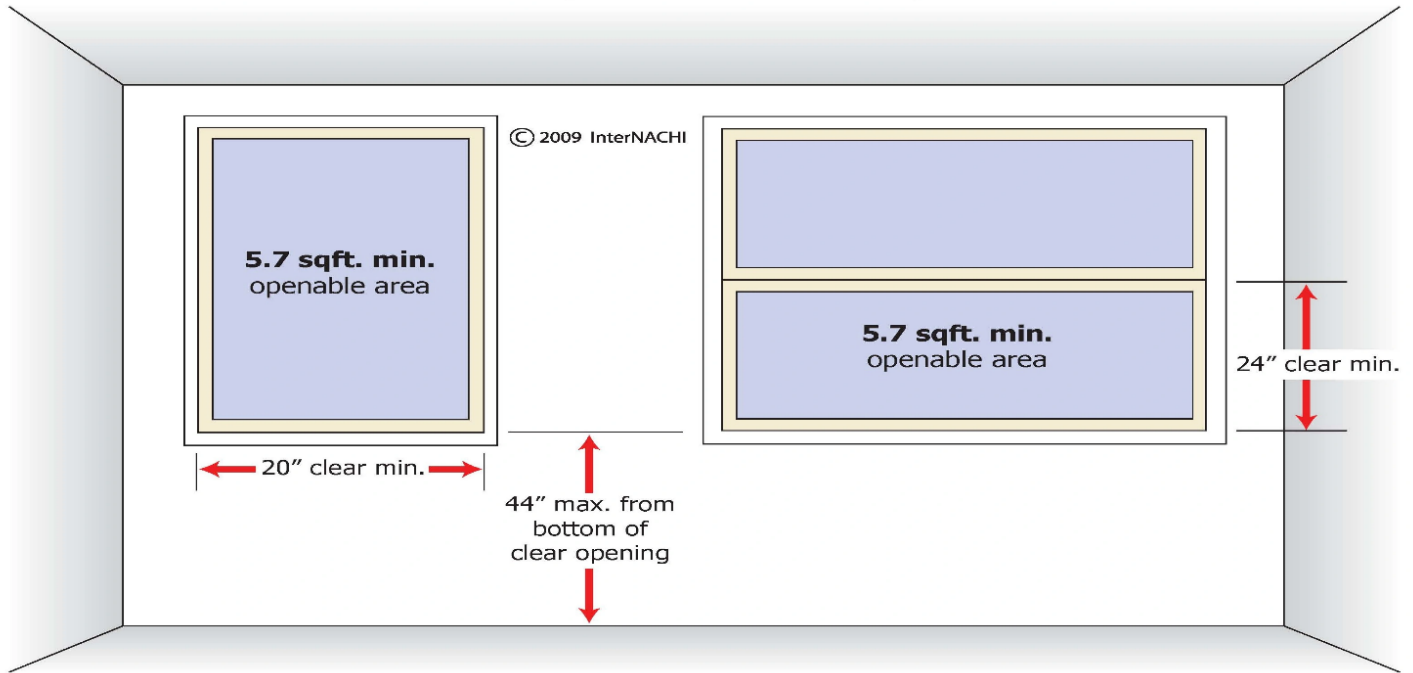
# EGRESS WINDOW REQUIREMENTS FOR SLEEPING ROOMS

1. A building permit is required if the existing window and/or door opening will be altered, replaced (like for like) or increasing or decreasing size opening and/or removing interior or exterior wall finishes.
2. The minimum net clear opening area for emergency escape and rescue window is 5.7 square feet. 2019 CRC Section R310.2.1

**EXCEPTION:** The minimum area for grade floor openings is 5.0 square feet. To qualify as a grade floor opening the maximum sill height cannot be more than 44" above or below the finished exterior ground level adjacent to the opening.

3. The net clear opening dimensions shall be the result of normal operation of the opening.
4. Casement window openings shall be measured when opened at a minimum of 90 degrees.
5. Replacement windows shall comply with the current window requirements for sill height and net clear if the interior or exterior wall finish (stucco, siding, etc.) framing, or opening is altered.

## Area and Clearance Specifications for Operable Windows



**TABLE SHOW SOME EXAMPLES OF MINIMUM NET OPEN AREA DIMENSION (INCHES)**

WIDTH	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
HEIGHT	41	39.1	37.3	35.7	34.2	32.8	31.6	30.4	29.3	28.3	27.4	26.5	25.7	24.9	24

1. Basements, habitable attics and every sleeping room below the fourth floor in dwelling units shall have at least one operable window or door approved for emergency escape which shall open directly into a public street, public way, yard or exit court.
2. All windows that are installed, whether retrofit or full flanged frame window must be dual glazed and meet the California Energy Code requirements for 0.40 SHGC and 0.40 U-max.