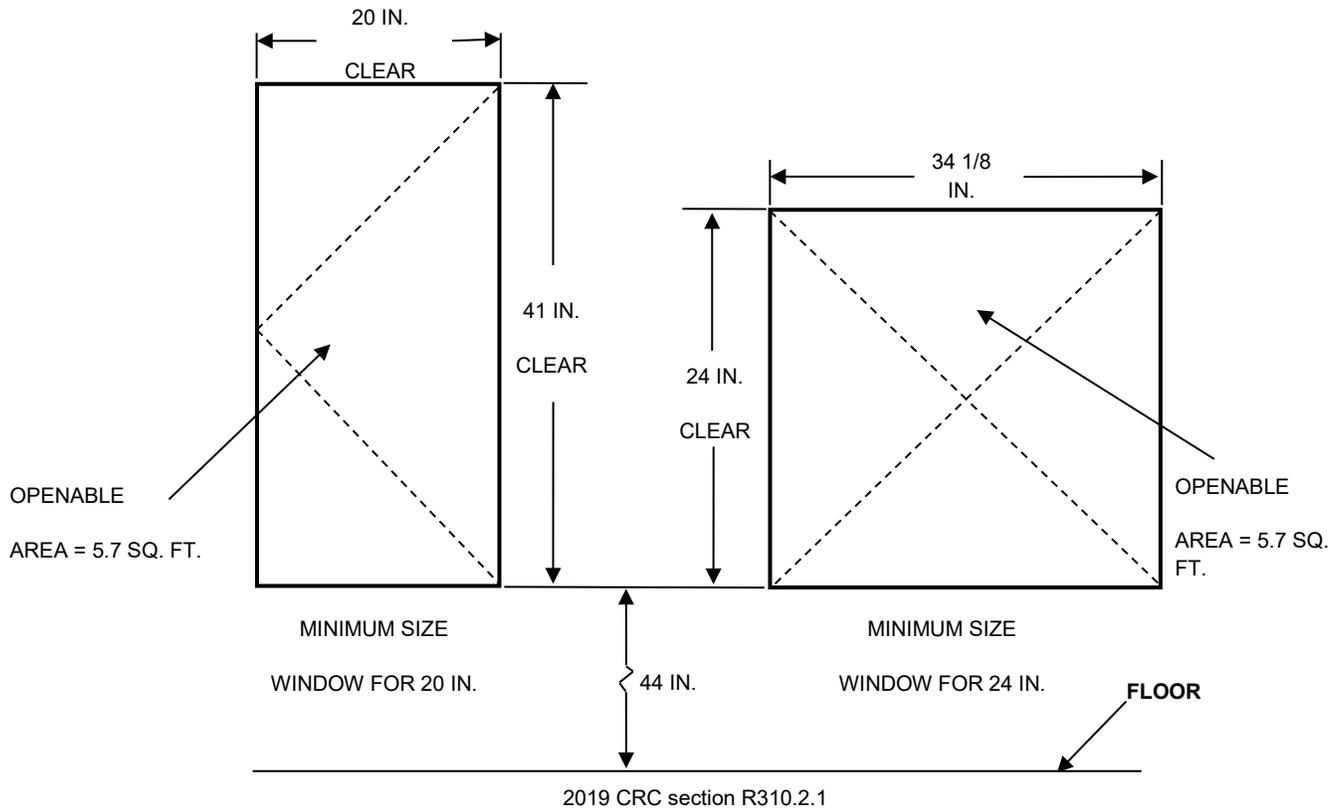


# RESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY EGRESS WINDOWS

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## Requirements



For SI: 1inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 square foot = 0.0929 m<sup>2</sup>.

- Escape or rescue windows shall comply with the requirements in the image above.
- The opening must have a minimum height of 24 inches and width of 20 inches.
- Finished sill height shall no more than 44 inches above the floor.

### Cal. Code Regs. § R310.1 (2021).

Basements, habitable attics and every sleeping room shall have at least one operable emergency escape and rescue opening. Emergency escape and rescue opening shall open directly into a public way, or to a yard or court that opens to a public way.

#### Exceptions:

- Storm shelters and basements used only to house mechanical equipment not exceeding a total floor area of 200 square feet.
- Where the dwelling or townhouse is equipped with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with section P2904, sleeping rooms in basements shall not be required to have emergency escape and rescue openings provided that the basement has one of the following:
  - One means of egress complying with Section R311 and one emergency escape and rescue opening.
  - Two means of egress complying with Section R311.