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BASEMENT EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE OPENINGS

Basements with habitable space and every sleeping room shall have at least one openable emergency escape and rescue opening meeting the requirements described below. Where basements contain one or more sleeping rooms, emergency egress and rescue openings shall be required in each sleeping room. Emergency escape and rescue openings with a finished sill height below the adjacent ground elevation shall be provided with a window well.

1. Minimum **“Clear Opening Area”** shall be 5.7 square feet.
2. Minimum **“Net Clear Opening Height”** shall be 24 inches.
3. Minimum **“Clear Opening Width”** shall be 20 inches. Casement windows must open a full 90 degrees.
4. Maximum **“Sill Height”** shall be 44 inches above the finish floor.
 - Steps or platforms are prohibited.
5. An operable exterior door can serve as the required opening, provided it leads directly to the outdoors and **not through a garage**.
6. See page two for window well requirements.

