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**Emergency Egress Windows  
2019 California Residential Code**

**R310.2.1 Minimum opening area.** All emergency escape and rescue openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 square feet.

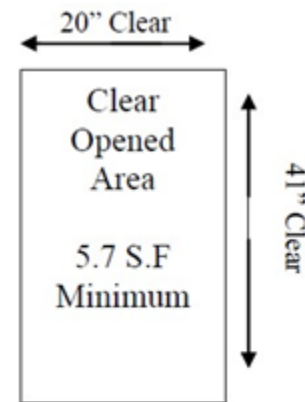
**Exception:** Grade-floor openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5 square feet.

**Where emergency escape and rescue openings are provided they should have bottom of window height of not more than 44 inches from finished floor.**

**R310.2.1 Minimum opening height.** The minimum net clear opening height shall be 24 inches.

**R310.2.1 Minimum opening width.** The minimum net clear opening width shall be 20 inches.

**R310.4 Operational constraints.** Emergency escape and rescue openings shall be maintained free of any obstructions other than those allowed by this section and shall be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys, tools or special knowledge.



Minimum size clear opening for 20" opened width

**MINIMUM OPENING REQUIREMENTS**

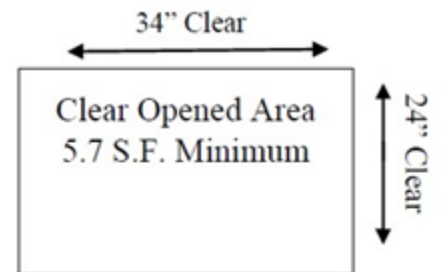
- 24" Minimum Clear Height
- 20" Minimum Clear Width
- 5.7 S.F. minimum opened area

**Bottom of Window Opening**

Maximum 44" above floor

**Minimum Energy Requirements per  
2019 CA ENERGY CODE – TABLE 150.1-A**

**U = 0.32      SHGC = 0.25**



Minimum size clear opening for 24" opened height

**COMMON WINDOW SIZES MEETING MINIMUM  
EGRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR STANDARD 6-8 HEADER HEIGHT**

<u>Slider</u>	<u>Single/Double Hung</u>	<u>Single Casement</u>
4-0 x 4-0	3-0 x 5-0	2-4 x 4-0
5-0 x 3-6	3-0 x 5-6	2-6 x 3-6
6-0 x 3-6	3-4 x 5-0	<u>Double Casement</u>
8-0 x 4-0	3-8 x 5-0	4-8 x 4-0
4-0 x 5-0		

**Note:** These are general dimensions. It is the Owner's responsibility to verify that the actual windows installed meet the minimum egress requirements.

**2019 CRC Section R308 - Safety or Tempered glass will be required for the following locations:**

- Glass within 24" of a door and where bottom edge is less than 60" from floor or walking surface.
- Glass adjacent to stairs, landings and ramps within 36" horizontally of walking surface and bottom edge less than 60" to walking surface.