



Residential Window Change Out Emergency Escape/Rescue Opening

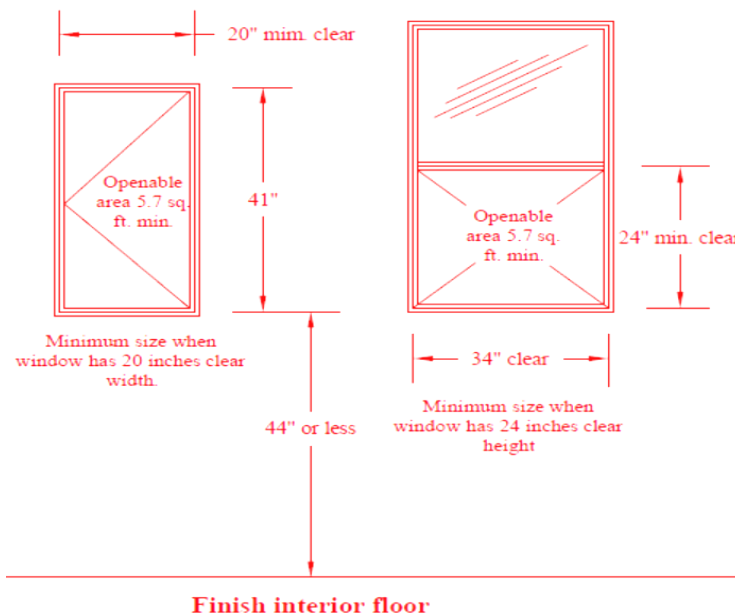
A building permit is required for any window change out.

Submit floor plan indicating room types and all window sizes.

If a window is going to be added to a room or if an existing window is going to be replaced with a different size window they must comply with light, ventilation and rescue/egress requirements of the present California Residential Code.

These permits will require:

- 2 sets of plans showing, floor plan and framing plan

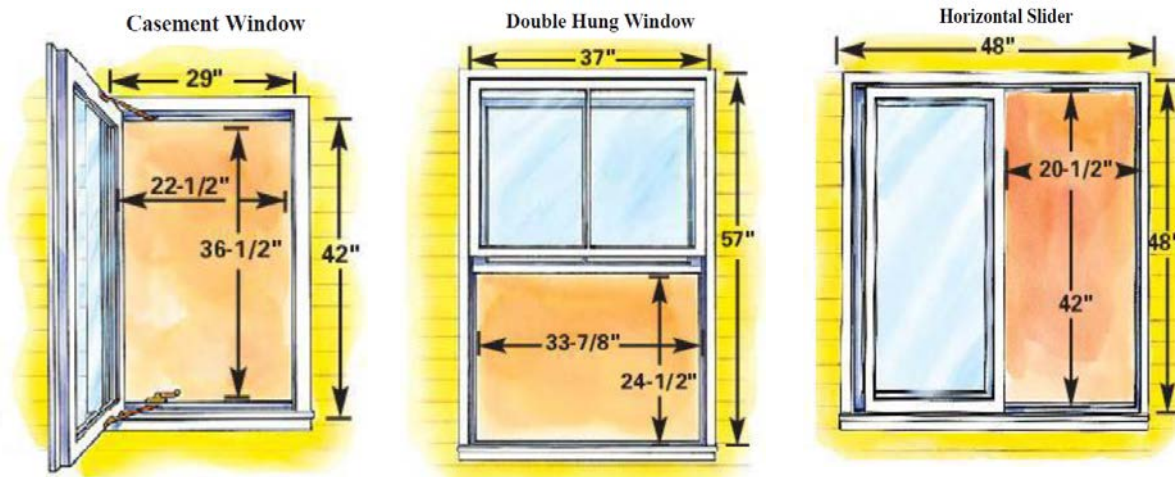


Requirements for installing egress windows: (2016 CRC R310)

- A minimum clear opening width of 20" (casement type)
- A minimum clear opening height of 24" (double hung)
- A minimum clear opening area 5.7 square feet (820 square inches)
- The bottom of the clear opening shall not be greater than 44" above floor
 - **Exception:** Grade floor openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5 square feet, if grade floor opening is within 44" above finished grade.

Note: Modifications to window shall be required when replacing or modifying any bedroom window which does not meet the emergency escape and rescue requirements of the current California Residential Code.

The following are examples of how to measure windows of the 3 most popular styles:



Obtaining a permit:

- Submit a complete permit application
http://www.visalia.city/depts/community_development/building_safety/forms_and_handouts/default.asp
- Submit a completed T24 energy compliance form
http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2013standards/res_compliance_forms/CF1R/

Inspections:

Inspection requests are requested by phone, per instructions on permit card. Inspections required are:

- Framing and window flashing (all window openings must have flashing installed over the existing opening following the Window Manufacturer's Instructions, to prevent entry of water into the wall cavity or structural framing components)
- Stucco/lath repair (if needed)
- Smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector installations(s)
- Final inspections.

Note: Do not remove stickers from windows prior to the City's Building Inspectors Final approval.