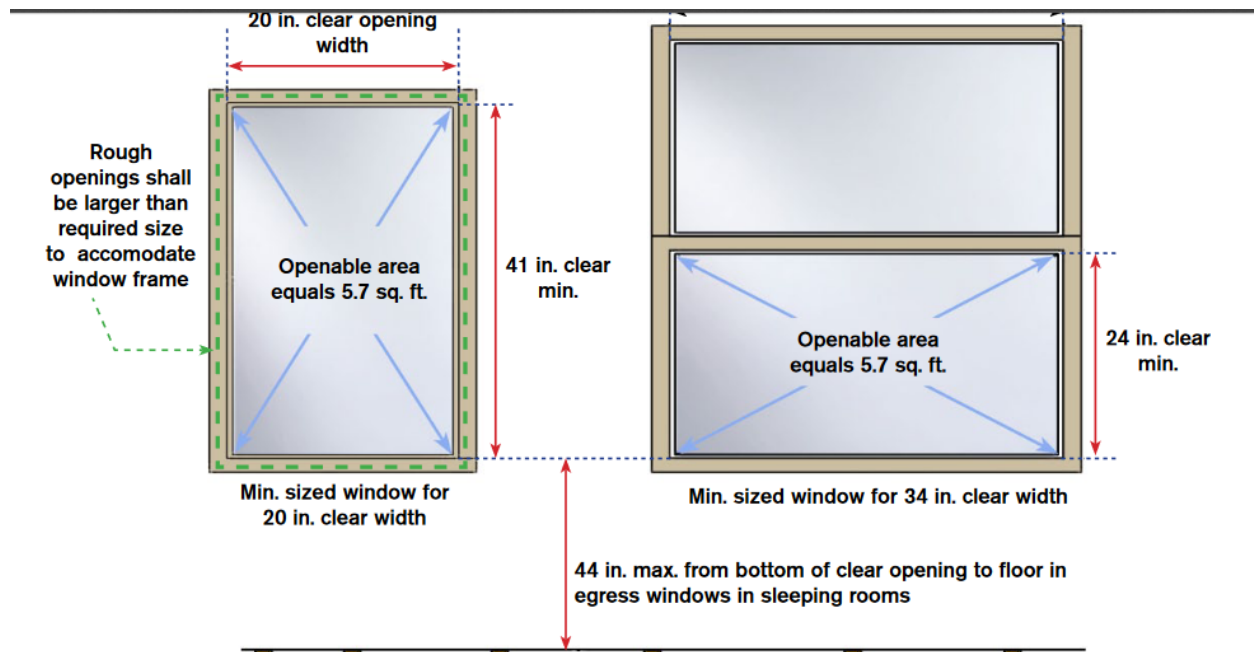




Window Replacement Handout

Because so many fire deaths occur when occupants of residential buildings are asleep at the time of a fire, the Residential Building Code requires that;

Basements, habitable attics, and every sleeping room below the fourth story of a dwelling shall have at least one operable window or exterior door opening approved for emergency escape and rescue. Such openings shall open directly into a public way, or to a yard or court that opens to a public way.



Replacement windows installed in buildings meeting the scope of this code shall be exempt from the maximum sill height requirements provided that the replacement window meets the following conditions:

1. The replacement window is the manufacturer's largest standard size window that will fit within the existing frame or existing rough opening. The replacement window is of the same operating style as the existing window or a style that provides for an equal or greater opening area than the existing window.
2. The replacement window is not part of a change of occupancy.

The chart below summarizes the minimum window dimensions that will achieve a 5.7 square-foot opening:

WINDOW EGRESS: MIN. HEIGHT & WIDTH REQUIREMENTS TO MEET REQ'D 5.7 SQ. FT. OPENING SIZE (IN INCHES)															
Width	20	20½	21	21½	22	22½	23	23½	24	24½	25	25½	26	26½	27
Height	41	40	39½	38½	37½	36½	35½	35	34½	33½	33	32½	31	31	30½
Width	27½	28	28½	29	29½	30	30½	31	31½	32	32½	33	33½	34	
Height	30	29½	29	28½	28	27½	27	26½	26½	25½	25½	25	24½	24	