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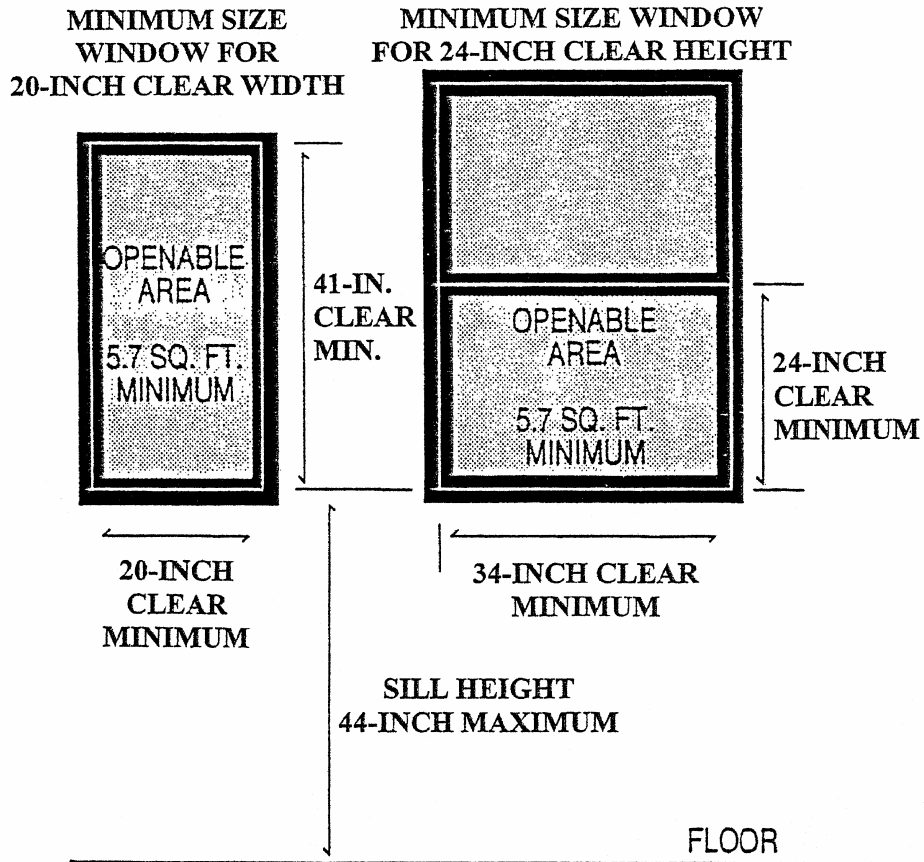
EGRESS WINDOW

EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE OPENINGS

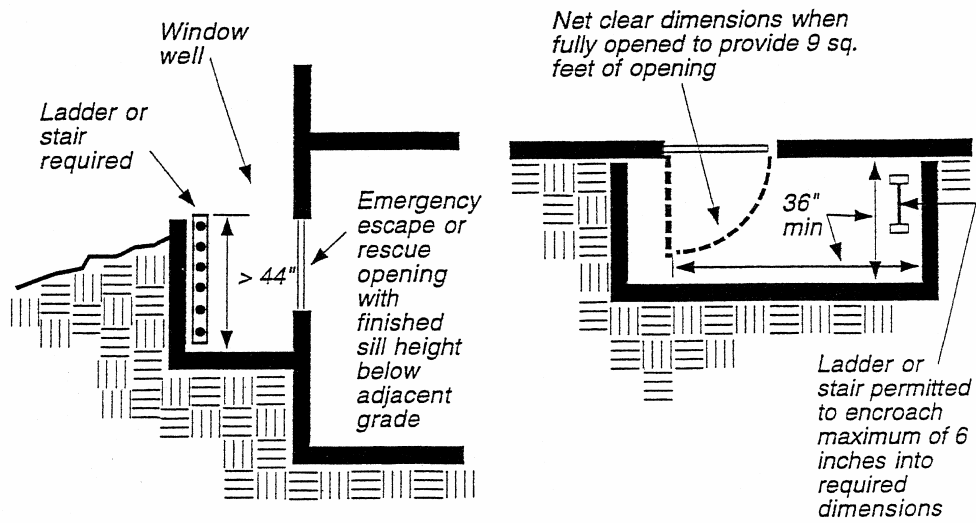
Basements with habitable space and every sleeping room shall have at least one escape or rescue egress window with a minimum net clear openable area of 5.7 square feet (821 sq. in.). The minimum net clear openable height dimension shall be 24 inches. The minimum net clear openable width shall be 20 inches. The finished sill height shall not be more than 44 inches above the floor. A minimum ceiling height of 48 inches shall be maintained above the exterior wall to the public way. **MSBC 1309.0310, IRC Section 310.1.1**

Exception: Grade floor openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5 square feet provided the sill height is located not more than 44 inches above or below grade.

Minimum Size for Rescue/Escape Egress Windows for Basements and Sleeping Areas



ESCAPE AND RESCUE WINDOWS WITH A FINISHED SILL HEIGHT BELOW THE ADJACENT GROUND ELEVATION SHALL HAVE A WINDOW WELL



WINDOW WELL is a soil-retaining structure at a window having a sill height lower than the adjacent ground elevation. Section 224