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SPECIFICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE EGRESS WINDOWS (BASEMENTS AND EVERY SLEEPING ROOM)

This handout is a guide only and may not contain all of the requirements of the City Ordinances. All proposed work is subject to Zoning and Building Safety code review.

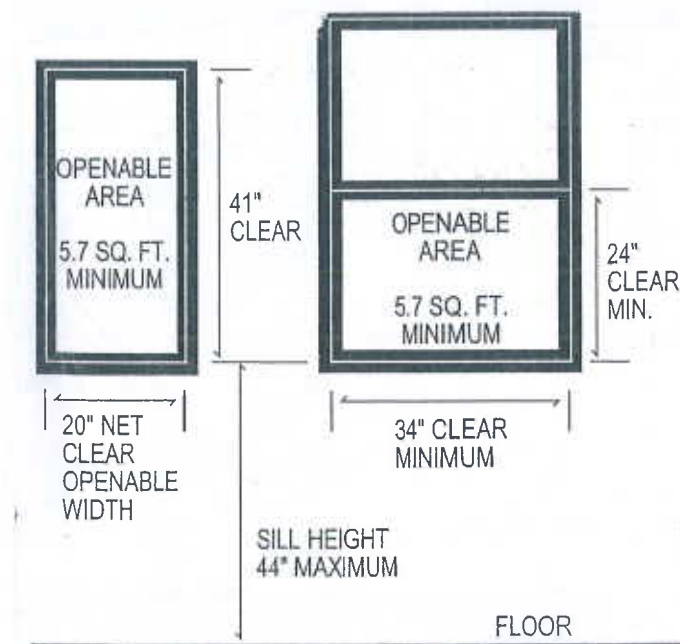
Basements and every sleeping room shall have at least one operable emergency and rescue opening. Such opening shall open directly into a public street, public alley, yard or court. Where basements contain one or more sleeping rooms, emergency egress and rescue openings shall be required in each sleeping room, but shall not be required in adjoining areas of the basement.

REQUIRED INFORMATION WHEN APPLYING FOR A PERMIT:

- * City of Crystal building permit application.

BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS:

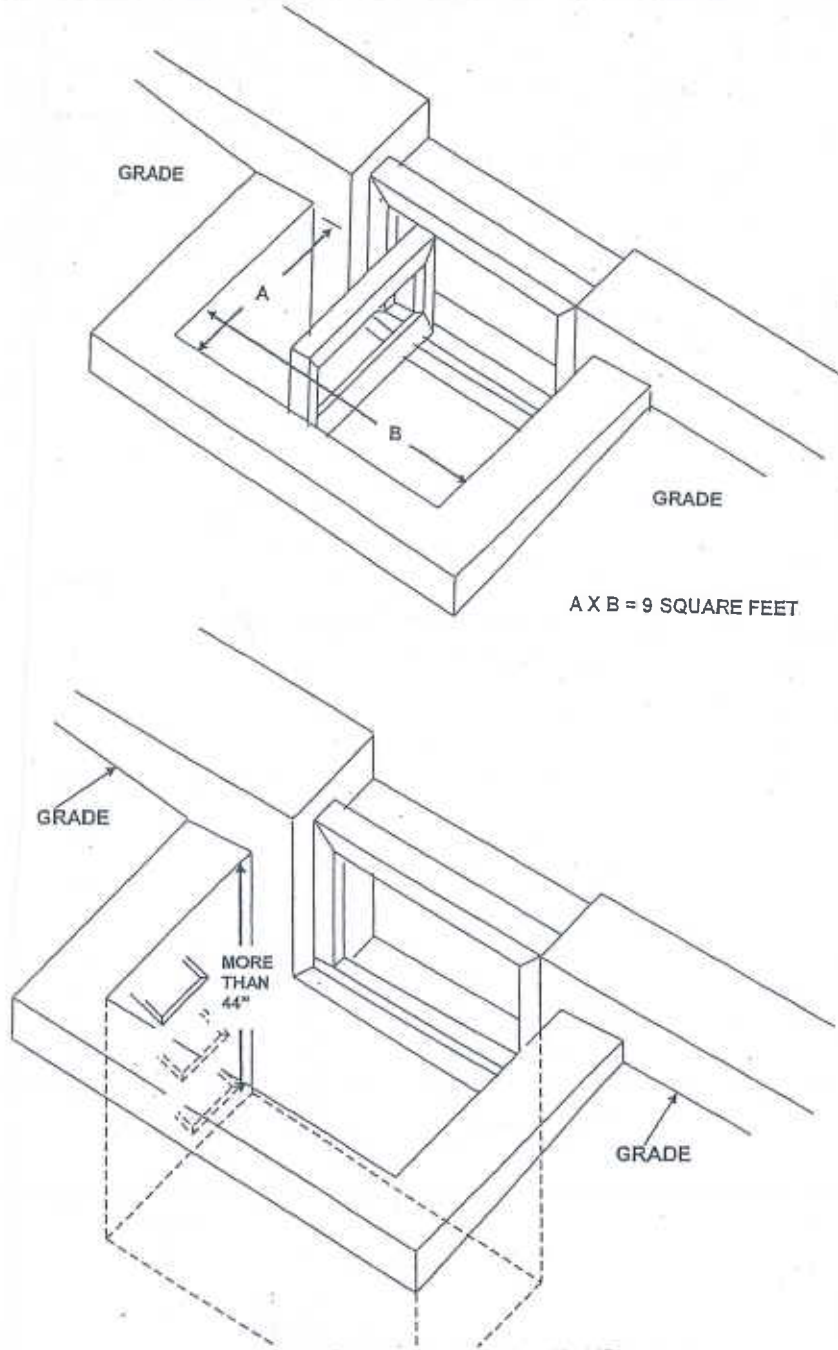
- * Minimum net clear opening area of 5.7 sq. ft.
- * Minimum net clear opening height of 24 inches.
- * Minimum net clear open width of 20 inches.
- * Finished opening height not more than 44 inches above finished floor.



- * Emergency escape windows shall be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys, tools or special knowledge.

* A window well is required if the escape or rescue window is installed below grade and must conform to the following standards:

- Shall allow window to be fully opened.
- Minimum horizontal area of the window well shall be 9 square feet.
- Minimum horizontal projection and width shall be 36 inches.



Window wells with a vertical depth of more than 44 inches shall be equipped with an approved permanently affixed ladder or stairs that are accessible with the window in the fully open position. The ladder or stairs shall not encroach into the required dimensions of the window well by more than 6 inches. The ladder shall have an inside width of at least 12 inches, shall project at least 3 inches from the well and shall be spread not more than 18 inches on center for the full height of the window well.