

Permit Required. A permit is required to install an egress window. Permits may be obtained by either the homeowner or a contractor who is licensed by the State of Minnesota, Department of Labor and Industry.

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

- A signed and completed Building Permit application with current contractor license number or signed property owner waiver if the owner is the applicant.
- Window sizes and specifications
- Proposed window locations

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

It is the responsibility of the person doing the work to schedule ALL the required inspections. Call (507) 616-7400, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to arrange an inspection at least one business day in advance. Inspection appointments are scheduled on a first-come first-serve basis

1. Rough in- After the window is roughed in and before covering with all flashing and framing exposed.
2. Final- After completion of the window and window well installation.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

➔ Requirements for Installing Egress Windows:

1. Sill height not more than 44 inches above the floor.
2. Window Sizes;
 - All emergency escape and rescue openings shall have a min. net clear opening of 5.7 sq. ft. (821 sq. in.). **Exception:** Grade floor openings shall have a net clear opening of 5 sq. ft. (720 sq. in.)
 - The minimum net clear opening width shall be 20".
 - The minimum net clear opening height shall be 24".
3. Egress windows shall be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys, tools or special knowledge.
4. Egress windows located under decks and porches must allow the egress window to be fully open and provide a path not less than 36" in height to a yard or court.
5. Replacement windows do not need to meet egress requirements if the replacement window meets the following requirements:
 - The replacement window is the manufacture's largest standard size window that will fit within the existing window frame or existing rough opening. The replacement window shall either be of the same operating style as the existing window or a style that provides for a greater window opening area than the existing window.
 - The rooms or areas are not used for any Minnesota state licensed purpose requiring an egress window.
 - The window is not required to be replaced pursuant to a locally adopted rental housing, or rental licensing code.

➔ **Requirements for Egress Window Wells:**

1. The clear horizontal dimensions shall allow the window to be fully opened. The horizontal dimensions of the window well shall provide a minimum area of 9 sq. ft. with a minimum horizontal projection and width of 36 inches.
2. Window wells with a depth greater than 44 inches below the adjacent ground level need a permanently fixed ladder or steps usable with the window in the fully open position. The ladder or stairs shall not encroach into the required dimensions of the window well more than 6 inches.
3. Bars, grilles, covers, screens or similar devices are permitted to be placed over emergency escape and rescue openings, bulkhead enclosures, or window wells that serve such openings, provided that:
 - The device doesn't affect the required net clear opening size.
 - Such devices shall be releasable or removable from the inside without the use of a key, tool, special knowledge or force greater than that which is required for normal operation of the escape and rescue opening

