

**7511.1026 SECTION 1026, EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE.**

IFC Section 1026.1 is amended to read:

**1026.1 Escape windows.** In Group R and Group I-1 occupancies, escape windows shall be provided, installed and maintained in sleeping rooms in accordance with this section. Sleeping rooms located in basements and levels below the fourth story shall have at least one exterior emergency escape and rescue opening.

**Exceptions:**

1. An escape window is not required if the room has a door that leads directly to the exterior of the building.
2. Escape windows installed prior to April 11, 1983, and having a clear opening not less than 20 inches (508 mm) in width, 24 inches (610 mm) in height and 5 square feet (0.46 m<sup>2</sup>) in area with a finished sill height not more than 48 inches (1219 mm) above the floor may be allowed to continue.
3. An escape window is not required if the building is protected throughout by an approved, automatic sprinkler system.
4. Escape windows need not be installed from rooms of existing buildings having two separate means of escape, provided that the means of escape are independent of each other and they pass through only one adjacent nonlockable room or area.
5. Existing escape windows at single-story resort buildings installed prior to October 3, 1975, and having a clear opening not less than 20 inches (508 mm) in width, 20 inches (508 mm) in height and 4.5 square feet (0.41 m<sup>2</sup>) in area with a finished sill height not more than 36 inches (914 mm) above the floor may be allowed to continue.
6. Escape windows are not required in Group R hotels or motels constructed prior to April 11, 1983.

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