
RESIDENTIAL WINDOW INFORMATION

Window Installation Requirements

- New construction window installations require a pan flashing installed under the window and integrated into the weather resistive barrier/house wrap.
- Tempered or safety glazing is required in all windows in these locations;
 - Within 24 inches of an exterior door, in whirlpool tub or bath tub enclosure walls
 - In walls around stairs and stair landings, within 5 feet of a swimming pool or hot tub
 - In windows 18 inches or less above the floor larger than 9 square feet
 - In all guardrails.
- Addition or remodeling that creates a new bedroom will require a compliant egress window installed to the present building codes.

Replacement Window Requirements: R310.5 State Amendment

Replacement windows installed in buildings meeting the scope of the International Residential Code shall be exempt from the requirements of Sections R310.1, R310.1.1, R310.1.2 and R310.1.3 if the replacement window meets the following conditions:

- The replacement bedroom windows installed into existing rough openings or existing frames shall be the largest manufacturers' standard size and of the same operating style as the existing windows. The replacement window shall be permitted to 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; and
- The window is not required to be replaced pursuant to a locally adopted rental housing or rental licensing code.
- An inspection is required for window replacement
- Window replacement projects initiate the requirements for the installation of smoke and C.O. alarm updates.
 - Smoke detectors are required in every bedroom, in the hallway leading to bedrooms and at least one on every floor. Smoke detectors installed in existing homes can be battery operated.
 - Every single-family dwelling and every multifamily dwelling unit shall be provided with a minimum of one approved and fully operational carbon monoxide alarm installed within ten (10) feet of each room lawfully used for sleeping purposes. If bedrooms are located on separate floors, additional carbon monoxide alarms would be necessary within ten feet of these areas.
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