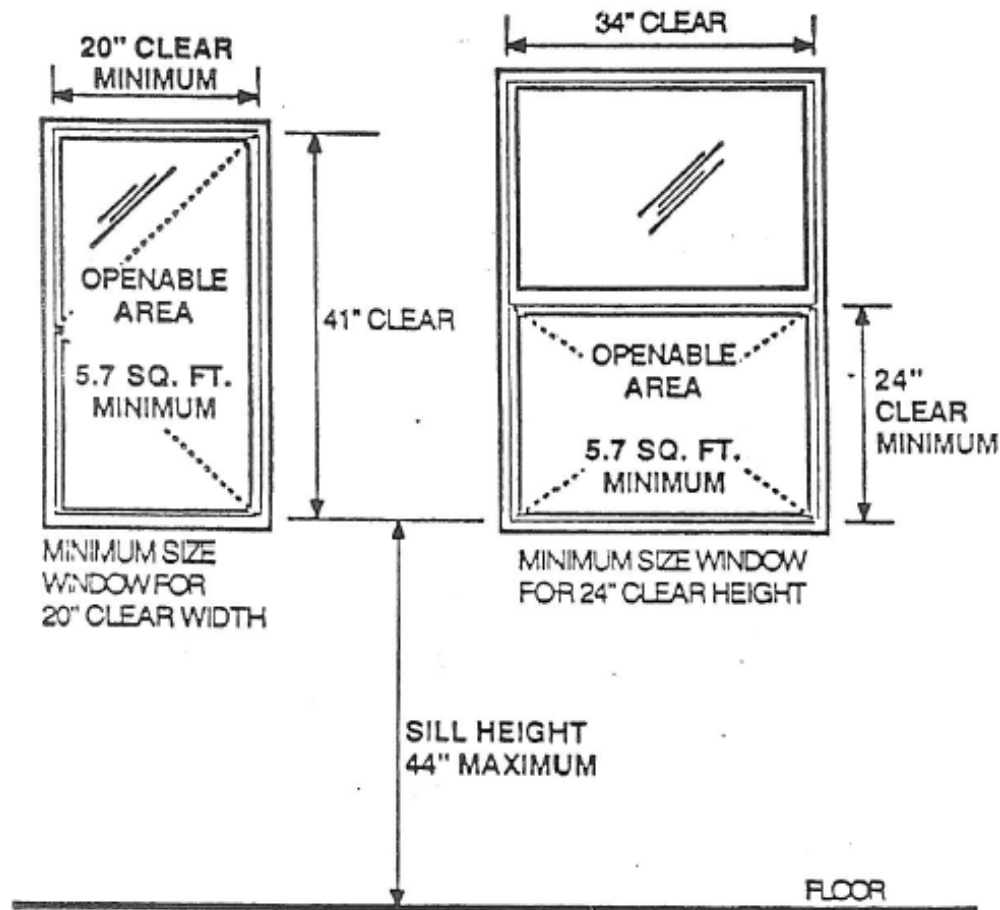




# City of Rancho Palos Verdes Fire Life Safety Window Handout

Every sleeping room\* and basements in dwelling units below four stories **shall** have at least one openable window or door provided for emergency escape or rescue which shall open directly into a yard, exit court, public street or public alley. The window(s) shall be openable from the inside to provide a full clear opening without the use of special tools.



The openable area must be clear and free of any obstructions (on casement windows, the window cannot swing into the required openable area).

\*Exception: 5.0 sq.ft. opening is acceptable if window is within 44" of exterior grade.

\*Sleeping rooms are defined as "any room with a closet". Windows shall be in compliance of Title 24 (for both U values: dual glazing and low-E glass shading coefficients).

## Safety Glazing

**At least one pane of all new windows MUST be tempered glass per California Building Code**

**Chapter 7A.** Glazed/tempered glass also is required within 18" of a walking surface that is over 9 sq. ft. in size and upper edge is over 36" above floor or if adjacent to a tub/shower and within 60" of the floor.